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# THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, 1946

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## 71ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, 26th December 1946*

MY BROTHERS :

I welcome you cordially to this home of the Parent Theosophical Society, which from its commencement has had the benediction on its work of the Elder Brothers of our race. Let us, following now a revered tradition, turn our minds and hearts to Them invoking Their Benediction.

**May Those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal, bless with Their protection the Society established to do Their Will on earth; may They ever guard it by Their Power, inspire it with Their Wisdom and energize it with Their Activity.**

The Theosophical Society has now passed its 71st milestone; it has weathered many a storm, and is stronger than ever. As to its future, have we not a glorious vision of it placed before our gaze, for did not one of the greatest of the Adepts, He who is called the Mahāchohan, say that "the Theosophical Society was chosen as the cornerstone, the foundation of the future religions of humanity"? With such a future prophesied for us we may well go forward in confidence, undismayed by the fortunes that every society has of increasing or decreasing member-

ship. What counts is not numbers, but the work done by all the members collectively, though led by a devoted few. The work that has been done is stupendous in the course of our 71 years. The main facts and laws concerning things divine and human, known within a restricted circle of the curious in the first seven years of the Society's life, are now widespread. From the torch which the Theosophical Society lit, many a society, whether calling itself "Theosophical" or not, has lit its smaller torch, and is proclaiming the main ideas of our philosophy—Reincarnation, Karma, man's invisible bodies, the existence of the Masters, the possibility of communication between the visible and the invisible. While still millions will not join our Society as members, they are interested in our ideas; that after all is our mission. Certainly we could help them more swiftly to Truth were they of our band; but evidently time is not a very pressing element in their evolution, and we know that all will come to the fullness of Truth which is our dream for one and all.

As I survey the Society today, the first fact of note to inform you is that the set-back to the Work imposed on

all the countries which came temporarily under the domination of Germany and Japan is over. Could I but narrate them fully, you would be thrilled by the stories of heroism and self-sacrifice to save in secret the Society's work on the part of our members in those countries. In spite of every form of persecution, at the risk of life, small groups of members here and there have met in secret, though they dare not possess books, since if such were discovered they would be punished by the Gestapo, the secret and ruthlessly brutal police of the Germans. In Holland, at Huizen, as the Germans were about to descend, for days there was the burning of papers about any secret body like the Esoteric School or Freemasonry; not a document, not a paper was even hidden, because as expected, not once but several times the Gestapo descended to look into every drawer and cupboard, to rip open mattresses and look for hidden places under the tiles. In Java, a member constructed a cemented concrete chamber to deposit her books and papers concerning occult things; the place was betrayed to the Japanese by her gardener, and when unearthed, and she was questioned what they were, her reply that they all dealt with the work of her Lord, the Christ, who was preaching an era of peace, satisfied the Japanese officer that she was harmless and not a spy, and the Japanese left her without further molestation. But she was one of the very lucky few.

Perhaps a graphic instance of what our members risked is what has just been informed me, that in a particular place where a few had dedicated themselves to the working of the Ritual of the Mystic Star, they used to sit round a table, but had tea-cups before them, so that if the Nazi Gestapo suddenly descended they could say they were met for an "ersatz" tea, a counterfeit tea of various dried leaves.

It will interest you to know how in spite of rigid censorship news came to

us. We owe much to friends in Switzerland, a neutral country, who were able to communicate with Holland, Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria for fragments of news. There is at Huizen in Holland a Theosophical Community with a beautiful house and a large garden; it is called St. Michael's House. While I was in London I received the brief but tragic telegram from Switzerland, "Michael deceased". There could be only one meaning—that St. Michael Institution had been disbanded and the property confiscated by the Germans. It was a great relief when some weeks later a second telegram came, "Michael recovered with the help of Brother Adriaan"—meaning that Bishop Adriaan Vreede of the Liberal Catholic Church had been somehow able to use his influence and get St. Michael free of the clutches of the invader. Here in Adyar I received a message of 25 words from one country through the Red Cross—it took ten months to come—that "Sophia and sister are well"—which meant, that both the Theosophical Lodge and the Esoteric School were still meeting quietly and were not forbidden. A message from another country that Aunt Sophy was living revealed its hidden secret.

One of the signal acts of service was that rendered in Rangoon in Burma by two Burmese friends. While arson and looting of Lodge property in various cities was the order of the day, when the Japanese army swiftly invaded the country, Rangoon Lodge that miraculously escaped bombing was saved by the devotion of two Burmese members. Let me here quote from the General Secretary's report:

The Lodge building is intact, but it has lost practically all its equipment. The Lodge was under the care of Brother U San Hla during all these years. He returned to Rangoon from Minbu a few days after the city fell to the Japanese, and on visiting the Lodge he found some Japanese

soldiers tearing up books and generally misusing the Hall and the offices of the Lodge. With great difficulty he managed to get a permit to occupy a house opposite the Lodge, but as even that could not prevent trespassers misusing the Lodge he moved in with his family and lived in the Lodge premises till November, 1942, when intensive allied bombing made the city uninhabitable. He moved into a monastery a few miles away and put the Lodge in the care of watchmen, who proved extremely untrustworthy, and when one of them was found murdered U San Hla decided to move whatever he could to the monastery where he lived. The library books and old documents of value were thus removed and they remained in the monastery for the whole of the period of the Japanese occupation. Much of these has been saved, but we have lost practically the whole of the Magazine Section of the Library, and almost all its chairs, tables, etc. The antagonism of the Japanese for anything English was such that if one were found with an English book in the streets he got his face slapped. U San Hla, however, continued to distribute tactfully the pamphlets *Tenets of Theosophy*, *The Three Vedāntas*, *The Two Dhammas*, *The Truths of Islam*, etc., of which there was a fairly large stock. Copies of the Burmese translation of *At the Feet of the Master* were also freely distributed. The admirable services of Mr. and Mrs. San Hla during these years deserve the very highest commendation.

An interesting fact is that when the Japanese entered the Rangoon Lodge building, which houses a small Masonic Temple and a meeting room of the Esoteric School, when they opened the rooms and saw what they thought were objects of worship, the two rooms were not tampered with as religious shrines, though later every chair which they could find was commandeered as enemy property and removed.

Sweden helped in passing on to Norway and Finland what news they received and such papers as escaped the censors. Portugal helped a few refugees who came to the country to

leave for destinations in America. Throughout the years of war between Finland and Russia, the Finnish Section continued holding its meetings in spite of bombing raids. So too in England, not a single meeting was suspended anywhere because of bombings, though they were indeed, as I can testify, serious enough at times. The greatest difficulty was the blackout, so great that it was impossible often to see one's hand held before one's face. But the work went on.

The suffocating fumes that tried to kill all Theosophical work have at last evaporated. But what destruction is there not in their wake? Many a library of a Lodge has been confiscated; and today very few books are left. Even as long as four years ago we met in London in committees of the Federation of European Theosophical Societies, under the chairmanship of our Dutch brother stranded in London away from his home and family, Lieut. Colonel J. E. van Dissel, the Federation's secretary. The plans then set on foot to help the stricken Sections were swiftly put into operation. First the sending of clothes and food. Our members in Britain, the United States and New Zealand have been foremost in this work, though Britain could send only old clothes and not food. Then in London a central store has been made of Theosophical books, to which the Adyar Library and I sent all duplicate copies on our shelves, and members from elsewhere did the same; from London these Theosophical books, which are for many members more vital than food itself, are being distributed steadily from the London Headquarters. The food parcels from our American Lodges have been received by members with deep gratitude in their state of prolonged semi-starvation. Even my small contribution from Adyar of safety pins, sent through Srimati Rukmini Devi, has been received with warm appreciation.

My predecessor, Dr. Arundale, created a special fund for the stricken Sections, and this sum, to which many Sections have contributed, is being slowly drawn upon by the European Federation.

The real strength of the ideals of Brotherhood for which the Society has worked has been shown in a wonderful way by the aid poured from many Sections towards the stricken countries of Europe. Clothing especially, and food, has been sent from Britain, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. The basement of my house in London was for a while completely full with used clothing collected from members to be distributed to Europe. Our Dutch members, as soon as they had anything to spare, sent to Germany, the country that had invaded them and left a record of brutality.

The Society has been tested to see whether Brotherhood is a "living factor" in the lives of its members, and it has come through the trial well, the members forgetting all animosities. What these bitter feelings were in Britain I witnessed myself, as for three years of the war I was in London and know the horrors consequent upon enemy bombing.

In the revival of the activities of the Society, as soon as the Allies landed in Italy and pushed the Germans back, the Lodges in Italy began work. The whole Society had been officially dissolved by Mussolini's order in 1939; nevertheless individual Lodges met as students of Truth and carried on the work. As soon as the Allied armies advanced the Lodges began again, and now Italy is a Section of 27 Lodges.

A specially happy augury for the future of Germany is that our German members, who even before the war began had scattered their libraries into private homes because of the Nazi campaign against any international bonds between Germans and the rest of the world, began to organize Lodges as soon as permission was obtained

from the British Zone of Occupation. A similar work is being done in the American Zone, and today there are 7 Lodges in Germany. The work of Idealism and Internationalism for which the members in Germany stand will undoubtedly serve as a most helpful factor in bringing the great German Nation back to its old ideals, which were the guiding light of the country before the era of Bismarck and his successors.

I come now to deal very briefly with the work of the National Societies. The report which each sends will be published later and I hope this time without any curtailment due to paper rationing. Each Section gives the statistics concerning the number of Lodges, new members admitted, those who are deceased, who have resigned, and whose names have been removed from the rolls for non-payment of dues over several years and who have not asked for exemption from dues. I must here point out that the value of the work of a Section does not depend upon how many new members are enrolled each year, but rather how much the work of propaganda has been well done. It is well known that there are several types of persons who join our Society. A large number, especially in the West, are attracted by certain Theosophical ideas concerning the powers latent in man, and they hope they will get instruction for the development of psychic powers. Some are attracted to our ideals of Universal Brotherhood. A definite number in each country after joining us are disappointed that they have not obtained what they expected to get from the Society. But a member who has understood correctly the Theosophical principles which we have tried to present to him, if when joining the Society hopes for enlightenment and vision concerning the world's problems, and if he co-operates with us in works of reform all tending towards Universal

Brotherhood, will realize that the Society does help him, and so he continues his membership. But there are others who after joining drift out again, some to join associations of a similar nature, and some to lose complete interest in problems of the higher life.

H.P.B. has said that even to join the Society as a nominal member makes a very strong karmic link which will help the member in future lives, even if he "drops out" soon after joining. The history of our Society shows various ups and downs regarding the number of members and Lodges. Our work meets fierce opposition, especially in countries which are under the domination of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. In these countries far more work of propaganda is done than is revealed by the number of members or Lodges in a National Society. During the last few years in Spain under the Franco regime, there have been no Lodges; nevertheless members have continued their studies. The large stock of books which had been published by the publishing Society in Barcelona was destroyed by the enemies of Theosophy many years ago, much to the loss not only of the work in Spain but to all Spanish-speaking countries which were supplied with our standard works from Barcelona. Similarly, after the war there are certain of our smaller Sections in Europe who are within the Russian zone, where for the moment public Theosophical work is impossible. The members meet privately and continue with their studies.

In most National Societies there is an increasing number of new members, though when those who have lost interest for various reasons are eliminated from the register, here and there the total membership may show a decrease. Thus, for instance, New Zealand shows a net decrease of 6, though there are 71 new admissions. There would be no decrease but

for the fact that six members on active service during the war were killed. India has a record of 1,432 new admissions with 401 active Lodges. England shows 405 new admissions with 113 active Lodges. The United States shows 454 new admissions with 129 active Lodges. The strength and devotion of the United States is shown by the large amount sent yearly to the Adyar Day Fund and a few days ago the magnificent donation of a special "Spotlight Fund" in response to my appeal to help cover the heavy deficit in the Society's accounts, due to taxation by the Corporation of Madras for the first time, and an increase all round of salaries and wages and the costs of material and labour. The total gifts from our United States brothers since I became President are munificent—there is no other word I can use for them. So my thirty-eight years' labours, on and off, in the United States, have brought the Society an unexpected reaping. We shall all envy the karmic result which will come to the American Section presently.

A duty that I little relish is now mine, and it is to speak of India. The eyes of all the nations of the world have been turned on India, as foreign correspondents reported day after day the events of Calcutta, Noakhali and Bihar. Our members throughout the world naturally ask, "What has a Theosophical leader living in India to say about them?" All the Sections know that this Convention was planned to be in Benares, and had suddenly to be transferred to Adyar. I have to inform them that Adyar being so far south in India, we have fortunately not had in the area of Madras any communal rioting, with all the horrors we have noted in North, East and Central India. What are their causes?

I do not here plan to give a historical analysis. But I can inform you of one fact, how on a certain afternoon in September 1915, Dr. Besant who was

vigorously developing her political agitation for India's freedom, told me that she had just then been called to her occult Superiors and by them warned against "excesses" that might come in the wake of a political agitation which called upon the masses to co-operate in the agitation, and to be on guard to prevent them. Neither she, nor any one now living could have foreseen thirty-one years ago the "excesses" which we have witnessed this year. But those Inner Guides of humanity who watch over India saw them coming, and gave her a warning. That is why that, after being carried on a wave of popular enthusiasm to be elected the President of the Indian National Congress in December 1917, soon after she risked all her popularity by standing aloof from India's leaders, when the first signs began of the Non-Cooperation movement started by them. For, little by little, the two major political parties of India, the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League, that had begun to come together, slowly drew apart. It is not for me to lay the blame on this or the other leader. But all could note how a hard uncompromising note began to appear in the dealings between the parties. The very essence of sane politics, which is compromise, disappeared, and here in India we began to witness that extremism which characterized the French Revolution from 1789. "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" were then the wonderful ideals held up before the world—ideals never before proclaimed so boldly in the West as a political creed, in lands where class privilege was taken as an axiom everywhere of national well-being. But soon it became "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity—or *Death*". "Be my brother, or I'll kill thee" was what the great Revolution degenerated into quickly.

So similarly here in India, the lofty ideals of the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League have, as the

result of the intransigency of political leaders in both groups, finally brought about what we have witnessed. Little by little, year after year, forces of hatred were unleashed, first against the British rulers, and then at last against each other. What will be the outcome of it all? Who can tell, when extremism is still the ruling principle of the political parties? But to one fact I must sorrowfully attest: nevermore can any Hindu go to any part of the world and proclaim that India is still the world's leader in spiritual matters. Were he to do so, he will be confronted with the question, "What of Bihar?" Nor can any Muslim proclaim as valid for a whole world the ideals of Brotherhood which the Prophet of Arabia enunciated, for he will be asked, "What of Calcutta and Noakhali?"

As long ago as 1922, when I was Vice-President of the Society, I saw one defect among our Hindu members, that though they lived side by side with Muslims and were often in business relations, Hindu Theosophists knew nothing of what are the teachings of Islam. Our teachings have appealed little to Muslims; Muslim Theosophists in all India are probably scarcely fifty. It was to bridge this gap, that I, with Hindu members and the few Muslim members then in the Society, organized in 1923 The Theosophical Society Muslim League. Our plan was to understand the truths of Islam and of Hinduism, of Islam especially, for one branch of it, that developed in Persia as Sufism, has so much in common with our Theosophical teachings. After a few years, the work lapsed for want of workers. One beautiful relic of that movement is our lovely little Mosque at Adyar. Then in Patna, our Hindu brothers started the Mel-Milap movement in 1939 to bring the two communities together to speak at joint meetings of fellowship, and a magazine was begun in English, Hindi and Urdu. The old association was revived in Benares in

December 1944 with the name Theosophical Islamic Association, and in 1945 I lectured under its auspices in three cities on the mystics of Hinduism and Islam.

Has this wave of madness begun to pass? We all hope so; it could pass forever if the political leaders were less hard and extremist, though professing fervently their love for the Indian masses. To all groups I would like to quote what Jesus Christ said: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" For what is at stake is not the material well-being of Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and Scheduled Classes through the grasp of political power, but the Soul of India. Perhaps among all groups in India, we Theosophists alone have this vision of a Soul of India. In spite of all the tragic events through which we are passing, we must not let that vision fade from our eyes; for if India is to survive, it will not be because she can become a political power of might and influence in the Councils of the Nations, but because her Soul—which throughout the ages has cared little who were the rulers of the Indian masses so long as they could worship in peace—remains unstained and ever united to Ātman, the Oversoul, on which rest all worlds visible and invisible.

What shall be the role of us Theosophists in the future? It is, in brief, to unite the material with the spiritual, the Objective with the Subjective. All that we have studied of the manifestations of the One Life shows us that the material and the spiritual, while contrasted as philosophical terms, are not opposed to each other. Matter, however much a veil of Māyā may envelop it, is nevertheless Spirit. Purusha and Prakriti make a duality in a manifested cosmos; but they are both two aspects of the one Reality of Brahman, "the

One without a second". The better that matter is organized by us and understood, the more we shall understand the nature of Spirit.

From these truths it follows that we Theosophists are on the side of every material improvement for our fellow-men. All that science can teach concerning the laws of hygiene, right diet and right living; all that the mechanical genius of mankind can give us to minimize the toil of daily labour and give men and women more hours in the day to think, to feel, and to create in the realms of literature and the arts; every scheme for beautiful homes, parks and cities; in other words, all that we think as the high water mark of material civilization is our gospel for the regeneration of men. Yet nevertheless we are the opposite of being materialists. It is because Matter is a mirror of the Spirit that we need to organize Matter to such a height of perfection and co-ordination, till the light of the Spirit is reflected in every object of matter in daily use, and in each moment when we use leisure rightly.

We know that, at the moment, in the chaos of a world around us, suffering among our fellow-men outweighs their happiness. It is only a few select souls who can glimpse the working of the Spirit in their sufferings. For the millions, their first intuition of the Spirit must come through well-being and happiness. When through the ending of the struggle for existence, the planned result of wise ways of organization, a man feels free of the load that he now carries, and the little happinesses in life lead him to experience, even if once, that moment "where every something, being blent together, turns to a wild of nothing, save of joy", then he has touched the fringe of the realm of the Spiritual World. It was said of old in India, "Brahman is Bliss". Something of that bliss can be known by us in our

earthly realms. Nothing stands in our way but our ignorance and self-centredness. But when we organize and re-organize the lives of men, till on all sides the toil of each day is done not only without weariness but with exhilaration and zest; when men are surrounded by such conditions of happiness that they cannot help remembering constantly the nature of the Good, the True and the Beautiful; then they will know the supreme fact that that Divine Trinity is waiting to reveal itself in

them, and to grow steadily in increased splendour in their daily life.

We Theosophists dream high dreams for all mankind, but our feet are on earth. It is because Matter and Spirit are one and not two, that we, who serve the Divine Wisdom, plan to work to the utmost of our powers "to lift a little of the heavy karma of the world", till we realize, not merely as a beautiful phrase, but as the most wonderful, ever present and inspiring of facts, "God is All, and in all."

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## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

1945—46

I beg to submit the audited Income and Expenditure Account with the Balance-sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1946.

The total figures for income and expenditure for the current and past years are compared below and the budget figures are also given :

	<i>Actuals</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
	1944-45	1945-46	1945-46
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Expenditure	... 1,44,619	1,02,730	1,64,926
Income	... 1,36,668	85,180	1,46,162
Deficit	... <u>7,951</u>	<u>17,550</u>	<u>18,764</u>

The expenditure on establishment is Rs. 15,966 against a budget provision of Rs. 12,000. The salaries of the non-departmental staff had to be increased owing to the increase in the cost of living by Rs. 4,000 a year and to certain changes in the staff. Establishments of the various departments are not included here.

Repairs and Renewals have gone up to Rs. 32,820 against a Budget provision of Rs. 10,000. The previous year's actuals were Rs. 9,274. The explanation given by the Engineering Department is that the estimate of Rs. 10,000 was based on pre-war rates and during the war years only  $\frac{1}{4}$  volume of the usual work was done yearly, like maintenance and urgent break-downs. With the lifting of the A.R.P. and removal of army inspection, all buildings were whitewashed for the 1945 Convention and the roads were also extensively repaired. One new work, done on the last President's passing away in 1945, was an extension of the Garden of Remembrance at a cost of Rs. 2,400. Cost of materials has

risen to 4 to 5 times the pre-war costs and the labour, to twice. The average comes to about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times the pre-war costs. Thus the cost of repairs should go up to about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times.

The Garden figures are :

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
	1945-46	1945-46
	Rs.	Rs.
Expenditure	... 16,330	30,937
Income	... 12,200	20,700
Deficit	... <u>4,130</u>	<u>10,237</u>

The reasons for exceeding the budget are as follows :—We co-operated with the Government "Grow more Food Campaign" and lost about Rs. 1,500 on growing vegetables costing us about Rs. 2,943, and about Rs. 1,000 on Ragi, a millet, costing us about Rs. 1,237 to help the residents and employees of Headquarters. On the ornamental side the expenditure went up by about Rs. 5,000 owing to rise in wages and also starting a nursery. In the coming year it is hoped the budget will not be exceeded.

Lighting and Water means, lighting of Street, Bhojanasala, Headquarters and its Offices, and Convention lighting, and also water for the Urur Village store tank. The actual expenditure was Rs. 2,974 against a budget provision of Rs. 2,000. During War years we had blackouts and the expenditure in 39-40 was Rs. 2,561, and Rs. 2,455 in the year before for 11 months only. The extra Rs. 400 seems to be due to increase in the rates for supply.

In the Watch and Ward the expenditure has gone up to Rs. 7,071 against a budget provision of Rs. 5,000. The actuals for 44-45 were Rs. 1,832 because part of the area was under the Military occupation and the whole area has now reverted to our control.

Postages and Telegrams have shown an increase from a total of Rs. 2,691 in 44-45 to Rs. 3,694 in 45-46, the increase being due to the extra postage for Presidential Election. After the peace there was more correspondence with the foreign countries.

Sanitation expenditure has risen from Rs. 1,729 in 44-45 to Rs. 2,305. The increase is due to the increase in cost of fodder to the animals, and in wages.

Corporation Taxes are a new item. This year we have paid only for half the year. Next year it will be double this amount.

Dispensary has exceeded its Budget provision of Rs. 2,500 by Rs. 1,257, the actuals being Rs. 3,757. The increase is due to increase in salaries and cost of medicines.

On the income side the rents are Rs. 40,430 against a Budget provision of Rs. 25,000 because the Military occupation continued for a longer time than that expected when the Budget was made. The Fees and Dues Budget was Rs. 15,000 and we got Rs. 12,819 against Rs. 12,056 in 44-45. Dues from some Sections have yet to come.

The donations include Rs. 24,609, Adyar Day Collections, which were distributed as below. The allocation is at the discretion of the President.

Total collections of Adyar Day		Rs.	A.	P.	24,609	3	8
	...	Rs.	A.	P.	24,609	3	8
Adyar Library	...	1,000	0	0			
Dr. Swaminatha Iyer's Library	...	1,000	0	0			
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	...	1,000	0	0			
Besant Theosophical School	...	1,000	0	0			
President's Discretionary Fund	...	2,000	0	0			
Theosophical Society	...	14,000	0	0			
Sundry Allocations	...	245	0	0			
War Distress Relief Fund	...	780	0	0			
Balance retained for further allocations	...	3,584	3	8			
		24,609	3	8	24,609	3	8

The Society is very grateful to the American Section for its usual generous donations, which they are giving year after year, in its aid. Were it not for that help we do not know how we should have met our difficulties.

I request all members to consider

the serious situation of the Society consequent on the general and unavoidable increase in expenditure shown in our budget estimate for 1946-47, and referred to in the President's circular letter dated November 21, 1946, and to come to its aid. The Society will be

useful to the extent the members help it to become useful and its success or failure will depend upon the co-operation of its members. We must have a Headquarters Reserve Fund of about 10 lacs ( $= \text{£}75,651 = \$304,878.00$ ). The Treasurer's Report for 1945 recommended a minimum of six lacs

(about £45,283 = \$182,927.00). The Executive Committee has resolved to form a Headquarters Reserve Fund and that object should be kept in view.

PANDA BAIJNATH,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

## THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

ADYAB

27th November 1946

PANDA BAIJNATH.

Hon. Treasurer. The T.S.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-'46

Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.

Registered Accountant and Auditor.

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>Capital Fund :</b>									
As per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...				5,31,647	4	6
<b>Special Funds :</b>									
	I								
Adyar Library Endowment Fund	...	...	...	1,26,505	12	5			
" Building Fund	...	...	...	1,27,786	6	3			
" Night Schools Fund	...	...	...	2,547	15	0			
" Short-wave Broadcasting Fund	...	...	...	5,002	3	0			
Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund	...	...	...	16,257	1	3			
Theosophical World University Fund	...	...	...	1,966	1	8			
Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund	...	...	...	26,203	13	4			
Sri Raja Ram Feeding Fund	...	...	...	1,000	0	0			
Dr. Besant's 99 years Fund	...	...	...	754	1	0			
Parsi Shrine Fund	...	...	...	356	7	8			
Sikh Temple Fund	...	...	...	166	3	4			
Synagogue Fund	...	...	...	2,440	6	1			
Sri Mudaliyandan Chetty Fund	...	...	...	11,275	0	0			
Buddhist Shrine Fund	...	...	...	266	15	10			
Faithful Service Fund	...	...	...	34,718	9	5			
Subba Rao Medal Fund	...	...	...	1,975	11	7			
Besant Educational and Cultural Fund	...	...	...	82,713	12	11			
Besant Birthday Celebration Fund	...	...	...	3,000	0	0			
	II						4,44,936	8	9
Pensions and Gratuities Fund	...	...	...	6,069	7	0			
Investment Reserve Fund	...	...	...	14,017	3	9			
Safe Deposit of the T.P.H.	...	...	...	300	0	0			
Advance Rent Bills	...	...	...	1,352	14	0			
Fund for Repatriation of Residents	...	...	...	6,983	7	6			
							28,723	0	3
Headquarters Endowment Fund	...	...	...				1,36,183	13	7
War Distress Relief Fund	...	...	...				1,3,6	5	9
Rehabilitation Fund	...	...	...				60,498	14	11
Village Welfare Fund	...	...	...				2,747	4	6
Miscellaneous Funds	...	...	...				49,019	7	7
<b>Depreciation Fund :</b>									
As per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	71,860	6	8			
Add Depreciation on Buildings	...	...	...	6,385	7	3			
" Movable Property	...	...	...	1,611	0	0			
							79,856	13	11
Sundry Personal Deposits	...	...	...				1,79,010	10	0
<b>Adyar Library : (Vide separate Account)</b>	...	...	...				87,067	1	4
<b>Bhajanasala (Stores) :</b>									
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	210	14	7			
Suspense Account (as per last Balance-sheet)	...	...	...	19	14	7			
							230	13	2
<b>Bhajanasala :</b>									
Sundry Creditors, for provisions purchased	...	...	...	277	0	11			
" for Milk Account	...	...	...	409	8	0			
							686	8	11
Carried over	...	...	...				16,01,994	11	2

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1946

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>Lands and Buildings Account :</b>									
As per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	4,88,511	4	5			
Add Transfer from House Purchase Scheme Account—as per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	19,281	14	2			
Add Additions during the year	...	...	...	9,329	0	9			
Land in Sindh as per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...				5,17,122	3	4
							10,000	0	0
<b>Movable Properties Account :</b>									
As per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	21,480	12	8			
Add value of furniture purchased	...	...	...	1,424	3	3			
							22,904	15	11
<b>Investments at Cost :</b>									
Rs. 20,600/- 3% Govt. of Madras Loan 1952	...	...	...	20,453	12	5			
Rs. 1,000/- 3½% G. P. Notes 1865	...	...	...	510	0	0			
Rs. 5,000/- 3½% do. 1854-55	...	...	...	4,956	4	0			
Rs. 44,100/- 3½% do. 1947-50	...	...	...	44,639	2	0			
Rs. 1,13,400/- 4% (1960-70) Bonds	...	...	...	1,12,116	5	3			
Ks. 1,000/- 4% Madras Municipal Loan	...	...	...	1,056	9	0			
Rs. 70,000/- 3½% M.C.C.L.M. Bank Debentures	...	...	...	70,000	0	0			
Rs. 10,800/- (3% Rs. 10,000/- 3½% 800) at 103%	...	...	...	11,124	0	0			
Rs. 15,000/- Interest Free Defence Loan	...	...	...	15,000	0	0			
T.U.C.S. Ltd., Shares	...	...	...	86	15	0			
4% Funding Stock. 1960-90 £11,297-6-0	...	...	...	1,77,046	4	1			
Rs. 35,400/- 4½% India Stock. 1950-55	...	...	...	35,400	0	0			
Rs. 80,000/- 3% Defence Loan 1953-55	...	...	...	80,000	0	0			
Rs. 1,60,000/- 3% Victory Loan 1957	...	...	...	1,60,049	14	0			
Rs. 80,000/- 3% First Development Loan 1970-75	...	...	...	77,747	2	0			
Investments in U.S.A.	...	...	...	5,973	12	9			
							8,16,160	0	6
Rs. 300/- 3½% G. P. Notes 1865 (T.P.H.)	...	...	...				300	0	0
Interest accrued on Investments	...	...	...				6,417	15	11
Fees and Dues outstanding	...	...	...				146	7	6
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...				23,667	14	10
<b>Income and Expenditure Account :</b>									
Deficit for the year ended 30-9-1946	...	...	...				18,764	4	4
Adyar Library : (Vide separate Account)	...	...	...				87,838	10	0
<b>Bhajanasala (Stores) :</b>									
Advances	...	...	...	...	500	0	0		
Loan	...	...	...	...	2,500	0	0		
							3,000	0	0
<b>Bhajanasala :</b>									
Stock on hand	...	...	...	...	500	0	0		
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	...	305	4	0		
Security Deposit for Sugar and Rice	...	...	...	...	65	0	0		
Vessels and Tools, less Depreciation	...	...	...	...	940	0	0		
							1,810	4	0
Carried over				...			15,08,132	12	4

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES				Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Amount brought forward	...	...	...			16,01,994	11 2
<b>Engineering Department :</b>							
Capital less deficit	...	...	...	44,537	11 1		
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	213	10 3		
						44,751	5 4
<b>Garden Department :</b>							
Capital	...	...	...			9,956	10 8
<b>Leadbeater Chambers :</b>							
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...			57	7 9
<b>Vasanta Press :</b>							
Capital, less Deficit	...	...	...	19,751	14 9		
Provident Fund	...	...	...	3,717	11 5		
						23,469	10 2

ADYAR

27th November 1946

PANDA BAIJNATH,

Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1946 (continued)

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount brought forward							15,08,132	12	4
<b>Engineering Department :</b>									
Electrical Installation, less Depreciation	...	...	...	22,335	15	6			
Tools, less Depreciation	...	...	...	2,056	11	0			
Stock on hand	...	...	...	15,577	9	6			
Advances (Old)	...	...	...	20	0	0			
Security Deposit with M.E.S.C.	...	...	...	500	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	41	1	9			
							40,531	5	9
<b>Garden Department :</b>									
Stock on hand	...	...	...	1,744	6	10			
Bullock Cart a/c, less Depreciation	...	...	...	1,736	0	0			
Tools and Implements	...	...	...	611	0	0			
Casurina Development Account	...	...	...	8,766	2	7			
Sundry Debtors (Old)	...	...	...	64	4	10			
Leases outstanding	...	...	...	196	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	50	0	0			
							13,167	14	3
<b>Laundry :</b>									
Stock on hand	...	...	...	403	10	3			
Laundry Equipment, less Depreciation	...	...	...	564	4	0			
Tools and Implements	...	...	...	337	1	0			
Income and Expenditure Account	...	...	...	2,231	1	10			
Advances (Old)	...	...	...	5	10	8			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	50	0	0			
							3,591	11	9
<b>Leadbeater Chambers :</b>									
Advance for purchases	...	...	...	20	0	0			
Stock on hand	...	...	...	30	6	6			
Kitchen Utensils, less Depreciation	...	...	...	1,188	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	66	12	8			
							1,305	3	2
<b>Vasanta Press :</b>									
Machinery and Plant, less Depreciation	...	...	...	7,261	3	0			
Types, less Depreciation	...	...	...	804	4	3			
Electric Plant, less Depreciation	...	...	...	156	8	0			
Cycle, less Depreciation	...	...	...	119	3	9			
Stock on hand	...	...	...	8,716	0	0			
Advance Rent	...	...	...	38	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	100	0	0			
							17,195	3	0
<b>Dairy :</b>									
Live Stock	...	...	...	400	0	0			
Utensils	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Loan Advances	...	...	...	4,500	0	0			
							5,000	0	0
Dispensary Stock including Petty Cash Rs. 35	...	...	...				1,142	1	6
Cash on hand ...	...	...	...	6,639	8	2			
.. with Imperial Bank of India, Mount Road	...	...	...	20,346	11	2			
.. .. Grindlay & Co., Ltd., Madras	...	...	...	40,099	12	1			
.. .. Midland Bank, Ltd., London	...	...	...	23,077	9	11			
							90,163	9	4
							16,80,229	13	1

Examined and found correct,  
 V. SOUNDARARAJAN, B.A., G.D.A., R.A.,  
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## THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1946-47

EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actuals	Budget	INCOME	Budget	Actuals	Budget
	for 1945-'46	for 1945-'46	for 1946-'47		for 1945-'46	for 1945-'46	for 1946-'47
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Last year's deficit brought forward			18,764	Rent Income	25,000	40,431	28,000
Establishment	12,000	15,966	16,500	Conservancy	850	894	900
Repairs and Renewals	10,000	32,820	17,000	Fees and Dues	15,000	12,819	15,000
Garden Expenses	16,330	30,938	20,000	Garden Income	12,200	20,700	16,700
Lighting and Water	2,000	2,974	2,500	Interest (Gross)	25,000	28,425	29,000
Miscellaneous	5,000	3,594	3,500	Administration Charges	7,130	7,130	7,130
Watch and Ward	5,000	7,071	7,000	Donations		35,763	
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones			2,500				
Printing and Stationery	3,000	2,487	2,400				
Publications to General Secretaries	1,000	41	800	Special Departments:			
Sanitation Expenses	2,300	2,306	2,500	Vasanta Press	46,000	60,749	50,000
Taxes Account	500	5,738	11,000	Engineering Department	41,100	97,780	60,700
Pensions	500	61	100	Laundry	8,000	9,630	7,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts	17,000	14,799	14,000	Deficit to be made good by Donations.	17,550	18,764	58,534
Donations to various Funds and Accounts		9,425					
Forest Guard	400	360					
Convention Account		7,531	3,500				
Press Department	1,000	347					
Contributions:							
Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000				
President's Travelling Fund	6,600	3,300	13,000				
Dispensary	2,500	3,658	3,600				
Museum and Archives	100	172	150				
Welfare Grants	1,000	1,000					
Depreciation:	9,000	8,094	8,000				
Bhajanasala (net deficit)		981	650				
Leadbeater Chambers (net deficit)		2,569	2,800				
Special Departments:							
Vasanta Press	46,000	60,749	50,000				
Engineering Department	41,100	97,780	60,700				
Laundry	8,000	9,630	7,000				
	1,97,830	3,33,085	2,72,964		1,97,830	3,33,085	2,72,964

(Sd.) PANDA BAIJNATH,  
Hony. Treasurer.

1. 1946-08-01

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
12, A.M.O.D., A.C. MAHALAGHODA, M.  
MUMBAI, INDIA. BUDGET

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1946-'47

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 1945-'46	Actuals for 1945-'46	Budget for 1946-'47	INCOME	Budget for 1945-'46	Actuals for 1945-'46	Budget for 1946-'47
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Salaries and Pensions ...	10,500	12,013	15,000	T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000	5,000
Purchase of Books, and Manuscripts including copying charges ...	1,000	1,379	1,000	Sale of Publications ...	4,000	4,374	4,500
Publications and Book-binding ...	5,000	5,354	4,000	Allocation from Adyar Day Collections and other Donations ...	2,500	1,993	2,000
Furnishing and Repairs ...	500	957	500	Interest on Endowment ...	3,700	7,655	7,000
Postages ...	300	237	200	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...			3,500
Printing and Stationery ...	400	555	500				
Contingencies and Miscellaneous Charges ...	100	141	100				
Insurance ...	200	141	150				
Gratuity Reserve ...	200	301	300				
Depreciation ...	500	271	250				
			22,000				22,000

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,  
Hon. Director.

## THE FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1946

## DISBURSEMENTS

	Rs. A. P.
To Miss E. M. Amery @ Rs. 120 per mensem up to 31-3-'46 and Rs. 160 per mensem up to 30-9-'46 ...	1,705 0 0
,, Miss Helen Veale @ Rs. 120 per mensem ...	1,440 0 0
,, Miss Helen Veale additional amount ...	100 0 0
,, Mr. C. V. Shah @ Rs. 85 per mensem ...	1,020 0 0
,, Madame P. Cazin @ Rs. 55 per mensem up to 31-3-'46 and @ Rs. 140 per mensem up to 30-9-'46 ...	1,170 0 0
,, Mr. L. Subramania Iyer @ Rs. 35 per mensem ...	420 0 0
,, Mr. Manjeri S. Rama Iyer ...	240 0 0
,, Mr. C. S. Trilokekar @ Rs. 50 per mensem ...	600 0 0
,, Contribution for Clara Codd Pension Fund ...	336 9 3
,, Dr. Anna Kamensky \$ 474.88 ...	1,561 15 10
,, Money Order commission, etc. ...	13 2 6
,, Balance carried over ...	34,718 9 5
	43,325 5 0

## RECEIPTS

	Rs. A. P.
By Opening Balance	... 42,425 8 5
,, Donations	... 14 14 4
,, Interest	... 884 14 3

43,325 5 0

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR  
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946

				Rs.	A.	P.
The Theosophical Society in U. S. A., \$1723.83	1945-46		...	5,670	7	8
" " " Chile, \$20.00		...	...	65	4	9
" " " Egypt, £6.12-4	1945-46	...	...	87	4	10
" " " Ireland, £2.16-6		...	...	37	4	4
" " " Portugal, £5.0-0		...	...	65	11	2
" " " Australia, £23.2-0	1945	...	...	306	13	0
" " " South Africa, £21.5-3		...	...	282	8	3
" " " Burma, 1945-46		...	...	30	0	0
" " " Puerto Rico, \$15.00	1944	...	...	48	10	0
" " " Mexico, £10.0-0	1945	...	...	131	15	6
" " " New Zealand, £38.19.3	1945	...	...	513	11	0
" " " Argentina, £52.18.0	1944-45	...	...	702	14	0
" " " Sweden £24.9.0		...	...	323	2	0
" " " England, £183.18.10		...	...	2,432	5	10
" " " Colombia, \$25.00		...	...	81	10	0
" " " Scotland, £16.3.0	1945-46	...	...	214	9	0
" " " Brazil, £24.0.0	1940, 42, 43, 44 & 45	...	...	318	11	9
" " " Wales, £9.2.2	1945-46	...	...	120	3	2
Non Sectionalized Lodges and Headquarters dues from unattached members		...	...	1,386	0	7
				12,819	2	10

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRAVELLING FUND

			Rs.	A.	P.
Sri Sardar Natha Singh	...	...	250	0	0
The T.S. in Scotland, £7.10.9	...	...	100	0	0
Contribution from Headquarters	...	...	3,300	0	0
			3,650	0	0

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES



to establish a new and better world. The European Parcels Project is a great step in this direction. The members of the Society are doing their best to help in this work.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Within the first month of this administration, our International President, Dr. George S. Arundale, passed from our midst, while simultaneously the world war ended and the strange atomic age began.

It has been a year of important changes, all of which have demanded attention and application. Responding to the notice of Mr. Sri Ram that an international election would be held, I nominated Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa for President. The subsequent election returns indicated the universal love and respect held for him by the members of this Section, and the loyal support which he can expect from The Theosophical Society in America.

The National Society feels honoured and rejoices over the selection of its former National President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, for International Vice-President.

There has been no single development in our National Society that has more satisfactorily demonstrated the brotherhood for which the Society stands than the organization of the Parcels Project and the Rehabilitation Fund. Our members have risen nobly to these calls. The amount of the Rehabilitation Fund to date is \$12,252.06. The European Parcels Project has received widespread support among the members, who feel by thus meeting directly the immediate needs of Theosophists in many parts of the world they are establishing vital links of brotherhood. The amount of food and clothing sent to date from the Society in America is ten tons. Thirty-six Lodges are co-operating in taking care of 73 families, and 73 additional families are being taken care of from Headquarters alone. The amount of funds collected to date for this project is

\$5305.39. We look forward to a year of increased activity in connection with the European Parcels Project.

The present condition of our National Society remains stable. Funds available, due to surplus of income over expenses during the past few years have made it possible for us to undertake repairs to our Headquarters building long delayed because of the war, and prior to that because of lack of funds. The building is twenty years old, and we can expect that there will be other items of replacement and repair necessary in the near future. The Section's income, the source of which is almost entirely from dues and donations, remains at about its normal figure for the past few years.

Our work in the field has suffered this past year because of the disorganized condition prevailing as a result of the war. Mr. L. W. Rogers toured across the northern States from coast to coast and south to Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Cook were able to tour the west coast in the Spring. Mr. Fritz Kunz visited Lodges in the east and mid-west. The National President and the National Secretary were able to make but one or two brief visits to Lodges in the east and mid-west. Federation activities, which included speaking engagements by a number of workers throughout the Section, filled out the programme of public work.

Two Lodges have been chartered during the year—Blavatsky Lodge, Chicago, and Fort Worth Lodge, Fort Worth, Texas. Two amalgamations of Lodges occurred when Seattle Lodge of the Inner Light merged with Besant Lodge of Seattle to become The Theosophical Society in Seattle, and Service Lodge of Austin, Texas, merged with Austin-Dharma Lodge to become

The Theosophical Society in Austin. Three inactive Lodges were dissolved. The Section feels cause for rejoicing in the recent reaffiliation of St. Louis Lodge with the National Society. The total number of Lodges therefore now stands at 129.

348 new members have joined the Society during this fiscal year. Through their having become inactive, we have lost 279. The change called death has removed from our rolls 54, and 47 have resigned; 106 have been reinstated. The reaffiliation of St. Louis Lodge had, up to the time the records were closed, brought back 37 names to our rolls. Thus we have a net gain of 115 bringing our total for 1946 to 3,846 and are able to show once more that the Section continues its slow but steady gain that has been repeated every year since 1941.

The leaflet *Discovery* met with wide acceptance, its distribution figure reaching 13,000 by the end of the third month. Offered without cost to the Lodges for three months, its worth was established and the leaflet was placed upon a cost basis at 1c. per copy.

The Department of Information brought into the Society from 1,500 individual contacts, 41 new members. In addition, three were reinstated due to the efforts of this department. The number of publicity leaflets distributed by the department was 13,825; 1530 inquirers were contacted, and of these approximately 500 were referred to Lodges. Seven joined local Lodges, and 31 joined as National members. New borrowers who joined the National Library from contact with the Department of Information numbered 35.

National Headquarters continues its practice of offering a Correspondence Course for new members.

The Theosophical Press has met courageously the many tribulations faced by a publisher these days, such as paper shortages, unpredictable deliveries, the special trials involved in

international transactions, scarcities of every kind. During the past year, the Press has increased its volume of sales over 11%. The principal publication activity has been the photographic edition of 1,000 sets of *The Secret Doctrine*. The Press has published a new book, *Living On a Star*, written by Bertha Williams of the Olcott staff. It is a suggested application in creative living based on the study of *The Textbook of Theosophy* by C. W. Leadbeater. A reprint of the latter volume has been undertaken, making companion volumes of the two.

The National Library report shows that during the fiscal year a total of 430 people used the Library. Of this number, 120 were non-members. The number of books circulated has shown a substantial increase over the previous year—the total number in circulation being over 4,000, an increase of at least 371. A total of 433 new books were added to the shelves, almost all of which were Theosophical. All of these figures represent year after year increases, this year's being some 15% above last year.

Every new member of the Society was contacted by the Librarian and invited to make use of the Library, and a special invitation was extended to National Members who did not have access to a Theosophical Library.

One hundred and fifty-two Library catalogues were sold. Twenty copies were placed in some of the larger Universities in the country.

An additional feature, begun after Christmas, has been the monthly Library tea which gained for the National Headquarters a wider recognition in this area as a centre of social and cultural life.

This year it has been possible to resume publication of the *Mother's Bulletin*. Reorganizing an active Mothers Research Group, Mrs. Muriel Lauder Lewis began issuing a news bulletin. A 70-page Healing Bulletin

has been compiled and is in production. Committees have been formed for: (1) Research; (2) Preparation of material on Preparation for Parenthood; (3) Bible Study; (4) Child Psychology; (5) Theosophical Teaching for the Child. The group also plans to publish leaflets on research in diet, feeding of children, diet for expectant mothers, and is planning publication of a cook book with menus for various age groups. In addition to all of this, the Mothers Research Group has been very active in the European Parcels Project.

The Round Table continues active under Mrs. Elise Staggs' direction.

The Young Theosophists resolved at their annual meeting during Convention to dissolve their organization and to cease publication of their magazine. They plan that a National Secretary at Olcott will release to the American Young Theosophists from time to time any communications that are deemed vital to them.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind has expanded its activities during the year with splendid results, using a list of some 1500 blind people who read Braille. The circulation of their Braille magazine has been nearly doubled since 1940. The steady enlargement and improvement of their free lending library of Braille books has been made possible by the generous free service of transcribers scattered over the nation. During the past year, the Association brought four new members into the Theosophical Society, and an important part of their work also has been correspondence with the thirty blind members of the Society.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been given a special place on the programme in which to make its detailed report. Membership has grown steadily during the past year. There are 450 registered with the Chief Brother who have made some contact with their headquarters at Ojai. The Order has at present 95 officers, including the

National, Department, Federation and Lodge Head Brothers in this Section. Notable progress has been made in all departments.

The Olcott Foundation has demonstrated this year a vitality which promises significant developments for the future. There were submitted as entries; 10 lectures, 47 poems, 4 short stories, 4 dramas, 3 radio scripts, 1 musical composition, 1 painting and 3 drawings.

Turning now to another interesting phase of our report, we outline the plans for developing the growth of our Society this coming year. We are actuated by the conviction that these are not harder times in which to gain attention for Theosophy. These are *new* times when new meanings must be preserved in the ageless truths; when new attitudes must be brought to the spreading of Theosophy. There is a growing conviction in our Section that educational outlooks and techniques will prove more successful; that Theosophy is more truly understood when it is released as not only a body of specific knowledge but as a power of Being which revitalizes whatever it touches. The present National Administration is seeking to visualize a sequence of efforts that will concentrate all available resources in an interwoven and integrated National Programme. The Administration began the year by outlining a broad programme. A questionnaire was distributed to all members and Lodges for discussion and report. The six members of the National Board were appointed chairmen of committees to develop work along six different lines: Worker Training activities, Field Programme, Integration of Theosophy and Modern Thought, Development of Study Courses, New Publicity Pamphlets, Expansion of Headquarters. An analysis of the response to the questionnaire revealed (1) Worker Training Sessions should be continued at

Headquarters and expanded for practical use where possible in other areas of the Section; (2) Concentration upon an expanded programme of field work is necessary; (3) Continuation of the vital Integration of Theosophy and Modern Thought and provision of fresh material for Lodge use along these lines; (4) The development of Study Course material and Lodge aids; (5) Improving the appearance and content of Publicity Pamphlets and expanding their use. One revealing result of the questionnaire was to show us that the school at Olcott for children must wait for the proper time for its founding. Meanwhile, definite plans for its beginning as a summer camp can be started.

The Headquarters expansion programme, which includes a new auditorium, a dormitory building, new small housing units, must continue for the present in the planning stage. Definite visualization has begun, and some initial sketches have been made for future buildings. Meanwhile, prohibitive building conditions would in any event limit materialization of these plans for the present. Before we can proceed with any plans for an elderly workers' home, there must be more general agreement upon such fundamental questions as location and policy.

The efforts of the Worker-Training Committee resulted in the institution at Olcott of a ten-day training session prior to Convention. This was well attended and the programme carefully worked out was enthusiastically approved. Needed improvements were noted and are planned for next year.

The Integration Committee collected a fund of \$5,000 from individual members interested in that work. *Main Currents* resumed publication. The assembling of documentation, and the organization of integration material has proceeded. Mr. Kunz' manuscript of his book on Integration is nearing completion. Classes for young college

people have already begun, or are planned in the camps at Pumpkin Hollow and Orcas Island.

The Study Course Committee has produced a master outline for the development of a complete Course in Theosophy, consisting of material enough to cover a five-year period. This is the first step to beginning actual work on the Courses.

Progress has been made in the development of new publicity pamphlets, with the publication of "The Power of Thought" and "The Use of Thought Power". In addition to the regular line of pamphlets, a new series of current leaflets is being reprinted—reprints of short timely articles from *Discovery* and other sources. The first of these was "Mankind's Thought Bank."

A plan has been evolved for developing a technique for field expansion work (the creation of new study groups and Lodges).

The National Society realizes that it must not for a moment forget the welfare of Adyar, from which has ever flowed the lifegiving vitality of our Society. We know that in recent years the war has removed support after support from Adyar's needs while at the same time the nature of the changes in India are visiting heavier burdens on shrinking resources. Of these things we have heard little, but we know they will become increasingly felt in the period of reconversion. When Adyar's specific needs are made known to us, the American Section will respond generously we know.

We believe that we can move ahead along all fronts. We can meet courageously all of the calls made upon us. If every member be inspired to give of himself to the fullest, the years ahead we know will be marked by magnificent accomplishment. There is work and a place for every member of the Theosophical Society—whether he be student or scholar, busy reformer or

recluse idealist, Lodge officer or isolated member. The Theosophical Society is a universal Brotherhood without creed or authoritative edict. In perfect freedom, this voluntary Brotherhood, growing in awareness of the power of its infinite productivity, marches onward contributing its full share to the glorious fulfillment of

mankind's purpose.

In the name of the members of the Theosophical Society in America, I send to you, Mr. President, cordial greetings and assurances of loyalty as we enter the era of postwar growth.

JAMES S. PERKINS,  
National President.

## ENGLAND

**General.**—This year has shown a marked improvement in Lodge and group work, and the Federations are attempting to revive Lodges and Centres that were closed during the war, as well as to initiate work in hitherto untouched areas. Statistics have been prepared showing the proportion of members and the population of towns where Lodges and Centres exist, and at the same time revealing the large areas still to be contacted. The implications of the situation and the question of publicity in general is being undertaken by the Presentation of Theosophy Committee appointed by the National Council.

**General Secretary.**—At the Annual Election held in April, Mrs. Doris Groves was elected in succession to Mr. John Coats.

**Srimati Rukmini Devi.**—It was with great pleasure that Rukmini Devi was welcomed in London, where she spoke at several meetings, both to the public and to members. She brought the greetings of Adyar and her presence was much appreciated as the first visitor from India since the war. She was accompanied by Mr. Sankara Menon, who was also very welcome.

**Increase in National Dues.**—At the National Council meeting in January it was decided to have three rates of national dues (payable out of Lodge subscriptions) of 12/-, 22/- and 32/-, from which members can choose

voluntarily according to their means, but new members can only join at the two higher rates. This alteration was made necessary by the general rise in costs over the last few years which was not covered by a subscription which has only been subjected to a minor alteration since the inception of the Society in England. The rules were also amended to provide that members over 65 are entitled, if they so wish, to a reduction in national dues to half the full amount, as members under 25 are already entitled to such a reduction.

**Europe.**—The Headquarters of the European Federation was transferred from London to Holland, but the Federation has still an office at 50 Gloucester Place for the distribution of books to the Continent, and of *Theosophy in Action* which continues to be printed in London.

The General Secretary and seven other members attended the Federation Conference held at Huizen in August.

**Rehabilitation Fund.**—At the close of this fund the total collected in the British Isles was £1,551 out of a total of £2,009.

**War Distress Relief Committee.**—In response to a renewed appeal, this time for our members in eastern Europe, there has been a steady flow of gifts, as there has been to this fund since it was inaugurated.

*Headquarters Activities.*—It has been possible to intensify and extend these, so that there are public lectures every Sunday and Wednesday, Lodge and Centre meetings four times a week, an Inquirers' Study class, a fortnightly 'Secret Doctrine' class and various Research Centre meetings. A group of the League of Healing also meets each week. The attendance at public lectures is so great that a microphone has been installed to deal with overflow audiences in the hall and the library. Unfortunately the fuel shortage does not permit us to use Besant Hall during the winter except on very few occasions.

A beginning was made in the spring to draw together children and young people under 18, by providing tea and varied entertainment for the children of London members and their friends once every month or six weeks on Saturday afternoon. So far no organized work has been undertaken with them, as I am waiting to see what the children themselves want once they have made good friends with each other. Rukmini Devi and Mr. Menon met this group and each gave a delightful informal talk to the children.

Under the heading of Public Relations, reports have been given regularly of the work done by other organizations in the direction of Universal Brotherhood. Many societies have asked us to send a delegate or speaker to their Conferences. These include the Bahai Movement, the Vedanta Society, Congress of Faiths and National Peace Council. We were also represented at a Present Question Conference, which

was a Summer School of 250 people drawn from many churches, and societies and included many well known people of affairs in England.

As a result of the revival of the International Correspondence League, a member has been appointed for England, and reports a great deal of interest and work in getting this League re-established.

*Publicity Department.*—A new venture was started, and has continued at irregular intervals, in the form of Literary Luncheons. Outside speakers well known in the literary and theatrical world are invited to give readings of poetry or plays embodying Theosophical ideas, and a very different public is attracted from that which comes to our ordinary public lectures. A light lunch is served, and many people stay for a while to buy books, make enquiries or join the Library, or even the Society. Rukmini Devi spoke at one of these Luncheons on "The Renaissance of Indian Art."

Some small pamphlets were reprinted, but no publication of any importance was undertaken.

*Membership.*—There has so far been a net increase in membership over the previous year. Nearly all the Lodges that had suspended activities during the war have now been revived, but one was dissolved, and so were five Centres which had become lifeless. On the other hand, one new Lodge was chartered, the Russian (Unity) Lodge was affiliated to this Section, and six new Centres were formed.

Total active Lodges 1946	...	113
"      Centres "	...	31
New admissions...	377	
Readmissions ...	28	
Transferred ...	30	
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Total gain ...	435	
Resigned ...	109	
Deaths ...	54	
Lapsed ...	100	
Transferred...	17	
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Loss ...	280	

Active members 1945	... 3,539
Net Increase	... 155
Active members 1946	... 3,694

**Library.**—The total number of outside subscribers is now 420 as against 356 last year, and the total number of books circulated was 18,349 against 17,567 during the previous year.

**Study and Training Committee.**—This Committee, which was appointed by the National Council, is preparing a series of papers to be sent to new members. Four are nearly completed, under the titles 'Outline of Theosophical Teachings', 'The Constitution of Man', 'Human Evolution' and 'Death and Sleep', and consist of a short outline of the subject, a suggested reading list and a list of questions which the student is to answer himself.

**Annual Convention.**—In spite of the Victory Parade being held at Whit-suntide, the Annual Convention was held as usual, with the theme of "The Way of the Spirit." Although nearly every member's household is already overcrowded, as is every London house, hospitality was provided for over a hundred visitors from the provinces and abroad, and the London Federation members provided a total of 1215 meals at Headquarters, owing to the impossibility of getting meals at restaurants. There was a much larger attendance at the Convention than during the war years, and at one time the Besant Hall was uncomfortably overcrowded. The lectures have all been reported in two issues of *Theosophical News and Notes*,

the Blavatsky Lecture has been published in booklet form, and it is hoped to publish another outstanding lecture in full.

**Support Convention.**—A short weekend Convention was held at Headquarters in support of the International Convention at Adyar, and was attended by some 120 members. The general theme was "The Spirit of the Future" and there were discussions and symposia.

**Theosophical News and Notes.**—This has continued as a bimonthly publication, and it has been possible to increase its size slightly owing to a larger allocation of paper. Various stimulating articles have appeared in it, in particular some relating to methods of improving Lodge work, so that the message of Theosophy may be more effectually carried to those who are willing to hear it.

**Miss Katherine Browning, M.A.**—In April Miss Browning, the oldest member of this Section, died at the age of 82. She had been a member for 61 years, and served the Society faithfully throughout this time. She organized the New Zealand Section and taught at the Central Hindu College, Benares. She was both a speaker and a writer, and worked for the Society wherever she happened to be.

DORIS GROVES,  
General Secretary.

## INDIA

The year under report has been very eventful from many standpoints. The most important was the election and the installation of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa as the fourth President of the Theosophical Society. I need not say in what great esteem he is held by our members in this Section.

During the year, India has marched considerably forward towards her goal of Freedom. For the first time after India's nationalist struggle began in 1885, a truly National Government at the Centre has been formed. As I write this, delegates representing different political parties in this country are meeting in a Constituent Assembly to carve a constitution for free India. In this new era opening out before us, we Theosophists will have to play an active role, for it is now that the Light of Theosophy must be brought to bear upon the problems of India's National Reconstruction.

While the year under report has been full of great achievements, it has been replete with bitterness and animosity between the two great communities in India—the Hindus and the Musalmans. Due to such disturbed conditions Theosophical work at various places has had to be curtailed.

I wish to convey on behalf of the members of the Theosophical Society in this country our most fraternal greetings to all those Sections of the world which re-started their activities after a temporary submergence under the ruthless attack of the Forces of Darkness.

During the year, our President visited Bangalore and Mysore and gave a series of lectures. Needless to say his presence gave a great inspiration to the workers of the Karnataka Federation. Mr. N. Sri Ram paid two visits to the Indian Section Headquarters during the year. He presided over the North Indian Conference which was held at Benares at the end of April. The Conference was a great success both from

the standpoint of attendance as also of the work done. Mr. Sri Ram's lectures carried his audiences to great heights of Theosophical understanding. During the year he visited Lodges in Bombay, Agra, Allahabad, and Arkonam.

Srimati Rukmini Devi presided over the Karnataka Federation, held at Bangalore. She visited a number of places in the Tamil Districts as also Bombay and Karachi. Her lectures everywhere greatly inspired the people and urged them to greater Theosophical and cultural activity.

During the year Shridevi and I visited some of the Lodges in Gujarat, Kathiawar, Bombay, Karnataka, Bihar and United Provinces Federations. Apart from addressing meetings of members at most of these places, we gave public lectures and also addressed special meetings of Youth, Women and Teachers. The Federation Secretaries and Lodge Organizers in different provincial Federations have been able to do a certain amount of touring in their respective areas.

During the year we had a very large number of admissions in the Theosophical Society from all parts of India. The total under new admissions comes to 1261, and 204 old members have revived their membership during the year, so that the total increase in active membership of the Indian Section has been 1465.

The membership records of the Indian Section from 1906 to 1946 show that in 1919-20 our membership reached 7,051—this is the highest point reached so far during the last forty years. This year's membership number comes very close to it : 6,962—only 89 less than the highest record ; this has been reached after a quarter of a century. Another interesting factor is that all the Provincial Federations have contributed to this increase. Most notable among these Federations is the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists, which has recorded an increase of 236 members during the year.

**MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT OF THE INDIAN SECTION  
FROM 1933 TO 1946**

Year	Total membership at the beginning of the year	New Admissions and Revivals	Dead, Resigned and Dropped	Total at the end of the year	Net loss or gain
1933-34	4414	369	391	4392	22 Loss
1934-35	4392	441	455	4378	14 Loss
1935-36	4378	587	435	4530	152 Gain
1936-37	4530	399	499	4430	100 Loss
1937-38	4430	530	511	4449	19 Gain
1938-39	4449	385	462	4372	77 Loss
1939-40	4372	812	449	4735	363 Gain
1940-41	4735	615	566	4784	49 Gain
1941-42	4784	463	331	4916	132 Gain
1942-43	4916	750	562	5104	188 Gain
1943-44	5104	848	375	5577	473 Gain
1944-45	5577	1113	483	6207	630 Gain
1945-46	6207	1465	710	6962	755 Gain

During the year under report 22 new Lodges and 3 new Centres have been formed, while 8 Lodges which were till now dormant have been revived. As against this, 10 Lodges and one Centre have become dormant during the year, thus leaving a net increase of 20 Lodges and 2 Centres during the year. We began the year with 406 Lodges and Centres affiliated to the Indian Section. At the close of the year we have 428 Lodges and Centres.

In the Report submitted last year I had referred to a scheme for the training of Field-Workers to develop our Theosophical work in India. Since then a tentative scheme under the title 'Theosophical Order of Service for India' has been prepared. This scheme was published in the April-May (1946) number of *The Indian Theosophist* for information of members. I have received many suggestions with regard to this scheme, and I am glad to say that a large number of our workers have given their very hearty approval to it. For a scheme like this to be put into operation large funds will be necessary and I have no doubt that the required money will come. But till the funds

are built up we cannot wait as our Fieldwork needs immediate attention. With this end in view I have introduced a long-term arrangement of training new fieldworkers and a short-term arrangement of utilizing as many of our experienced workers for Field-Work as possible.

For the fulfilment of the long-term arrangement I have prepared a Study-Course for the Training of Indian Section Workers which was published in *The Theosophist* for October 1946. On the basis of this Study Course, we were planning to have our first Workers' Camp at Benares during the month of October 1946. But unfortunately due to rationing difficulties in connection with food-grains the Camp had to be postponed at the last moment. During the coming year at least two Camps should be held, one for the South and the other for the North, as our future work largely depends upon the number of trained Workers we are able to put into the field. At present we have three Field-Workers under the direction of the Indian Section—Prof. Jethmal Parsram, Dr. Shri Ram and Sri Bhupatray

Mehta. Prof. Jethmal Parsram, while chiefly concerned with the provinces of Sind, the Punjab and Central India and Rajputana, does a considerable amount of touring outside these provinces also. Dr. Shri Ram, having now retired from Kashmir State service, is able to give whole-time attention to Theosophical work. His chief work at present lies in the Punjab which is the weakest link in our Theosophical chain. Our third Field-Worker is Sri Bhupatray Mehta who is chiefly responsible for the work in the Gujarat-Kathiawar and Bombay Federations. His main contribution to Theosophical work is the successful conducting of study-classes and attracting young people to the truths of Theosophy.

In addition to these three, Sri K. G. Bhadbhade, till now a teacher in the Besant Theosophical School, Benares, has been appointed as a Field-Worker under training.

For the purposes of publicity and propaganda in India a scheme was drawn up during the year. This scheme envisaged the publication of a number of propaganda leaflets and pamphlets. The main purpose of this scheme was to present Theosophy to people so as to appeal to their temperaments and inclinations and lead them from their known fields of mental and emotional activity to the yet unrealised regions of Theosophy. Unfortunately, this scheme had to be kept in abeyance due to paper difficulty. We have prepared a number of magic lantern slides on Theosophical subjects, and this work has been done under the directions of Dr. I. K. Taimni. As soon as a sufficient number of slides are ready, it will be possible to lend them to provincial Federations for propaganda purposes. We are working on an *Indian Section Year Book* which will serve as a Handbook to Theosophical Workers in India and at the same time will give all the necessary information

to enquirers about the Theosophical Society.

At the last meeting of the Indian Section Council, the Executive Committee of the Indian Section was entrusted with the task of preparing a draft constitution. With the growth and development of our Movement, there is no doubt that our constitution needs considerable change. In the draft circulated among the members, we have attempted to revise the constitution with a view to giving it a quality of wholeness. This has been done by (1) putting all the Provincial Federations on a uniform basis by laying down certain conditions to be fulfilled by all; (2) providing ample opportunities for Provincial Federations to develop their own distinctive qualities; and, (3) giving greater scope to the Central Authority of the Indian Section to co-ordinate the work of the Federations and to initiate common policies in the interest of the whole country.

The work at the Indian Section Headquarters has considerably increased during the last year. The Indian Section has been most fortunate in having the services of Sri G. R. Venkatram, who has been appointed Asst. General Secretary of the Indian Section. He took charge of his work in April 1946. In the Section Office, Mr. Henry van de Poll continues to give his most efficient service. He has been put in charge of the Records Department. Our Accounts Department continues to be in charge of Sri R. D. Lal, who has given most devoted and loyal service to the Indian Section for more than 23 years. Over and above these, we have in the Indian Section Office Sri M. R. V. Sarma, who has also put in many years of devoted service, Shrimati Savitri Advani, and Sri Ramnath Dandekar.

The Besant Theosophical School is growing well under the fostering care of our expert Headmaster, Sri K. Rajagopalachari. We have a very fine

group of teachers working under him. Shrimati Shridevi Mehta has been giving her valuable assistance to the Headmaster in all school matters. The total strength of the school this year is 270. The School has been put from this year on the list of grant-in-aid institutions by the U. P. Government.

The Hostel is being very ably supervised by Shrimati Shridevi Mehta with the assistance of Sri Ravi Sharan Verma, Sri N. K. Bhide and Sri S. K. Singh. We have at present 32 students in the hostel. Efforts are made to improve the physique of the students, and in this work we have the great advantage of advice and instruction from such an experienced person as Dr. (Miss) A. C. Johnstone.

The Indian Bookshop has grown considerably during the last year as judged from the business turnover. We have sold during the year books worth Rs. 18,000. The present room of the Bookshop is too small for its needs, and so we are constructing an additional room so as to provide greater facilities for its expansion. The Bookshop serves a large public in North India and its sphere of influence is growing very fast. We have taken up publication work on a modest scale. Dr. Bhagavan Das has revised his very valuable book *The Essential Unity of All Religions*, and we have taken up its publication. We have also undertaken the publication of two Hindi books. The Bookshop is being managed very ably by Sri Jagat Narayan with the assistance of Sri R. C. Verma.

The Indian Section Library has been very greatly enlarged during the year particularly in the Sections under Literature, Art, History and branches of Sociology. Shrimati S. Radha has been working tirelessly as Librarian, and is engaged at present in rearranging and classifying the books according to the system given by Sri S. R. Ranganathan, the well-known authority on library classifications. She is being

assisted in this work by Sri Madho Prasad Nagar.

Under the very experienced guidance of Sri Damodar Prasad, our Gardens have become more colourful. During the year considerable improvements have already been made to some of our buildings. With regard to the construction of more residential quarters, I would like to make a suggestion : If our different Federations would each donate the required amount for the construction of one block, our problem of residential quarters will be easily solved. These blocks will be named after the Federations that have donated for their construction. Workers from these Federations coming to Benares for temporary residence can be accommodated there. In this way there will be a house for each Federation at the Indian Section Headquarters.

Sri Ravi Sharan Verma continues the work of the Legal Department under the guidance of Sri Chandra Deva Narayan. Legal work is going on in connection with the Nafar Das Roy Estate and the Bhowali properties, donated by Sri Beni Prasad Bhatnagar and Sri Narayan Swaroop of Lucknow. He is also engaged in regularizing arrangements with regard to Lodge buildings in different parts of the country. There are in all 84 Lodge buildings in India and only a few of them have so far been registered in the name of the Indian Section. He is occupied with the transfer of these properties to the Section.

Dr. (Miss) A. C. Johnstone has been in charge of the Dispensary and Child Welfare Departments assisted in the work of the Child Welfare Centre by Mrs. Bhagyan Sahai.

Dr. R. V. Phansalkar is in charge of the Bharata Samaj Puja. The Puja is now being conducted twice every day.

Shrimati Shridevi Mehta is in charge of the Ritual of the Mystic Star. The Ritual is being conducted regularly once a month.

During the year Mrs. Tara Kulkarni was in charge of the Order of the Round Table. It meets twice a month in the Indian Section Hall.

Shrimati S. Radha and Sri M. K. Samant continue to be the Secretaries of the Cultural Association. This Association was started in August 1945, and during the short period of its existence it has done very useful work. It has organized a number of interesting music concerts, dance recitals, art exhibitions and public lectures on matters of cultural importance, and has brought the Indian Section Headquarters closer to the public of Benares.

There are three Lodges at the Indian Section Headquarters—the Kashi Tattva Sabha, the Arundale Lodge and the Annie Besant Youth Lodge. These Lodges have their activities organized every week in the form of lectures and talks on Theosophical and other subjects of general importance. These Lodges also arrange picnics and socials.

Over and above these activities, every week, programmes of Community Singing are arranged, in which a large number of residents and students take part. Once a month the Healing Group, under the leadership of Dr. R. V. Phansalkar, conducts its service. Weekly Household meetings and Group Meditation are regularly held to which a number of residents are invited. Celebrations of Festivals and Great Theosophical Days are arranged.

Prof. Jethmal Parsram visited almost all the Lodges in the Sind-Multan-Baluchistan Federation during the year. He also visited Lahore, where he made efforts at reorganizing the work in the Punjab. Sri Radha Kant Sharan toured throughout the province of Bihar. He also visited Calcutta and some Lodges in the United Provinces. Shrimati Indumati Mehta visited Bombay, Surat, Bhavnagar, Broach and Rajpipla during the year. Sri U. G. Krishnamurti visited during the months of July,

August and October 16 Lodges in Andhra Circars, Andhra Central, Tamil and Kerala Federations. He presided over the Vizagapatam District Theosophical Conference.

Having surveyed the work of the Theosophical Society in India during 1945-46, I would now like to place here certain suggestions for the intensification of our activities. The strength of an organization is measured not by the number of members it has, but by the influence it is able to wield on the life of the people. Our propaganda and publicity, our studies and our activities, our individual and collective work—all these must be directed to the end of making the lives of those around us more happy and worth-living. We are not merely a body of philosophers interested in evolving intellectual theories of life, but we are primarily an association of active philanthropists engaged in the task of mitigating human suffering.

For the carrying out of this purpose, I believe our work should be twofold :

1. To give to the people a clearer understanding of the deeper realities of life and to help them in the formulation of their ideals ;
2. To initiate new lines of humanitarian work and to support all activities that stand for altruism so that the intellectual understanding of the Principle of Brotherhood may be translated into a practical code of human morality.

The fulfilment of these two aims should inspire all our individual as well as collective activities. I believe our Federations and Lodges should plan out their work from year to year on this basis so that the Theosophical Movement in India may become a powerful intellectual and practical force in the direction of Universal Brotherhood.

ROHIT MEHTA,  
General Secretary

## AUSTRALIA

I have the honour to submit a brief report for the year ending 30th September 1946.

The total membership of the Section has remained relatively unchanged for several years. *Membership* as at the above date: 1018. Lodge rolls are clean and care is always taken to guard against inflation of our numerical strength.

The Forty-seventh *Annual Convention* held in Sydney during Easter was attended by a representative gathering of delegates and visitors from Adelaide, Brisbane, and Melbourne. Following the usual custom, the Western Australian Lodges appointed proxies. Owing to the geographical position of the west it is only on rare occasions that any of the four Lodges in that State are represented other than by proxy. A Support Convention is always held in Perth during Easter of each year.

*Broadcasting*.—The Radio Talks Committee is endeavouring to "modernize" our four weekly broadcast sessions over Station 2GB, Sydney, in the hope that the new method of presentation will be more attractive to the general public. Talks are being limited to 10 minutes to allow sufficient time for a suitable record to be played, at the

conclusion of which the 2GB Announcer advertises the library and sundry Theosophical Society activities.

*Guest Lecturer*.—The Section was privileged to have a visit from the Rt. Rev. Harry H. Banks, formerly national lecturer for the Theosophical Society in New Zealand. Bishop Banks spent five months in Australia and during that period visited Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney. The Australian Section has been privileged with many visiting lecturers in the past but few have ever won a more unanimous appreciation by, and affection from, the members than Bishop Banks.

The appeal in respect of Adyar's financial difficulties met with a ready response from our members. We are very anxious to see our International Headquarters placed on a sound and satisfactory financial footing.

The Section magazine is published regularly every quarter and continues to supply a very real need throughout the Australian Section. Owing to the high cost of production it has not been financially possible to revert to the bi-monthly issue.

RAY G. LITCHFIELD,  
General Secretary.

## SWEDEN

September 30th, 1945

Active Lodges	...	18
Members (last Report)	...	379
New	...	10
Readmitted	...	1
Transfer	...	1
Gain	...	12
Net gain	...	5
Total active members	384	
Resigned	...	5
Death	...	2
Loss	...	7

EVA OSTELIUS,  
General Secretary.

## NEW ZEALAND

Two major events mark this year's activities. First, the larger International Society has opened a fresh phase of its work under the fine leadership of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, and second, our New Zealand Section rejoices in the celebration of its Golden Jubilee, marking the completion of 50 years of work. It is surely not without significance that the lesser cycle of our New Zealand Section Jubilee should synchronise with the larger cycle of the Society's growth.

*Election of International President.*—I had the honour, together with many other General Secretaries and members of the General Council, to nominate Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa for the office of International President. This nomination was well supported by our members when later a vote was taken. This is shown in the following results :

Number of members eligible to vote	...	843
Number of members voted "Yes"	...	706
Number of Members voted "No"	...	2
Invalid	...	3
Number unrecorded	...	129
Percentage voted	...	84.6

*Golden Jubilee Celebrations.*—On April 7th of this year gatherings were held in the Lodges to mark the occasion of the chartering of the Section fifty years earlier—namely April 7th, 1896. It was an occasion of great distinction and blessing.

A special Golden Jubilee number of *Theosophy in New Zealand* was issued in April. It was printed on art paper, was well illustrated and contained valuable early history of the Section. In the research necessary for the production of this magazine it was discovered that one of New Zealand's Prime Ministers, the Rt. Hon. Sir

Harry Albert Atkinson, had joined the Society in Wellington, in August of 1889.

The Section has prepared an artistically designed and beautifully produced Theosophical Golden Jubilee Convention Calendar for 1947 in commemoration of its fifty years of work.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson has written a special gift-pamphlet *The Path to the Masters of the Wisdom*, with a foreword by the General Secretary, to be ready for the Jubilee Convention.

There will be a fitting climax to the year's celebrations in the forthcoming Golden Jubilee Convention to be held in Auckland during the Christmas season, under the Chairmanship of Mr. N. Sri Ram who has flown at the President's request to represent him. It promises to be an occasion of outstanding opportunity and unusual significance. The keynote chosen is *Theosophy in the New Age*. We shall meet not only to celebrate the completion of fifty years of work of the New Zealand Section, but to usher in a new and remarkably fruitful era in the history of this great spiritual movement.

*Membership.*—There are 913 members on the roll. Seventy-one have joined during the year, the highest for some years. This has not, however, given us an increase in membership as our roll was carefully considered, previous to taking up the vote for the Presidential election, and 29 members were dropped from the rolls. The following analysis shows the position for the year.

Incoming		
By new admission	...	60
,, re-admission	...	11

Outgoing		
By resignation	...	26
,, death	...	22
,, removal from roll	...	29

Total number of incoming members	...	71
Total number of outgoing members	...	77
Decrease for the year	...	6

**Annual Convention.**—The 49th Annual Convention was held in Wellington from the 25th December, 1945 to the 1st of January, 1946. A true spirit of friendliness and brotherhood characterized the gathering and all present strongly felt the sense of Home. The keynote of the Convention was *The Will to World Unity*.

**Rehabilitation of Our Sections Overseas.**—Members responded generously to the appeal for funds to assist our war-stricken Sections but it was not until this year that we were able to gain permission to transmit the money overseas. £1,000 sterling (£1,250 New Zealand currency) was sent to Adyar.

The food for Europe Fund, initiated by the Young Theosophists, brought in a warm response from members, and food parcels are being regularly posted. A large crate of warm and useful clothing has been packed for shipping to London.

**Valuable Gift to Section Library.**—A valuable gift was made to our Section Library by Mr. E. T. Sturdy, a pupil of H.P.B., now living in England. He sent us the first thirteen volumes of *The Theosophist*—from October, 1879 to September 1892. These early volumes are precious and most rare, and our Section is fortunate to have received them.

**Vasanta Garden School.**—Our School in Auckland grows in strength from year to year. Its work, under the Principalship of Miss Bertha Darroch, is outstanding. We are unable to accommodate all the children whom parents wish to enter. We have now 88 on the roll but our ideal is to keep the School at about 70. There is a higher percentage of boys than girls. Increasing interest is being shown by parents

in New Zealand generally in regard to the education of their children and there is a great demand for the best schools.

**Mr. Harry H. Banks.**—Mr. Harry H. Banks, well-known as the "children's friend", visited Australia this year, was present at the Australian Convention and lectured in some of the larger Lodges. He was the guest of the Section and wherever he went he received the warmest welcome and "come again" was a general demand.

**Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.**—Mr. Hodson was appointed to the office of National Lecturer of our Section for 1946 and has toured all through the New Zealand Lodges. He has everywhere associated himself with the work of the New Zealand Vegetarian Society of which he is President. He has, at the request of the Auckland Branch of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, written a pamphlet *The Case for the Abolition of Vivisection*.

**The Rt. Hon. and Mrs. H. G. R. Mason.**—Our New Zealand Section is signally honoured in having one of its most valued members, the Rt. Hon. H. G. R. Mason, as leader of the New Zealand Government Delegation to the Peace Conference in Paris. Mrs. Mason accompanied him.

**Miss Kate Browning.**—One of the foremost members of our Section in the early years, and the first National Lecturer, Miss Kate Browning, passed away in London in April of this year. She had been ill for many years and her passing was a happy release.

**Other Section Activities.**—The Theosophical Women's Association has been active in its various Branches and has this year published an important pamphlet, "Principles Governing Happiness in Marriage," written for the purpose, by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson. *The Order of the Round Table* has revived its magazine, *The Torch*, and has been generally successful in its activities throughout New Zealand. *Youth Groups* in several

of the Lodges are concentrating on preparation for work on the lecture platforms. *The Theosophical Order of Service Animal Welfare Group* has done some fine work in connection with the celebration of World Day for Animals, and has extended its activities to a whole week. Much careful thought has been given to this work.

*Conclusion.*—As General Secretary, I have visited most of the Lodges during the year. I appreciate what I see of the devotion of members, especially in the smaller Lodges where there are but a few to carry on the work. All honour to them for their service. This year for New Zealand members is pre-eminently a preparation for the future, a time during which we may

call down powerful forces to increase and expand our work. The coming years will be a test of our strength, our determination, our sincerity. All the genius of men's minds is needed to give right direction and to discover truer values for the new age. At the beginning of a new world Cycle of growth and development, the impetus of a radiant stream of spiritual life is necessary, and plans for the building of a new world must in increasing measure reflect the will of the great Hierarchy. May our Section in the next half century prove worthy of this trust.

EMMA HUNT,  
*General Secretary.*

#### NETHERLANDS

It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you, that though the Theosophical work in the Lodges usually seems at a stand-still during summer, we had some very useful and fruitful summer weeks.

At the summer Convention, held at Utrecht on 27th and 28th of July, about 250 members came together to discuss different aspects of the Theosophical work for the future. The problem of Youth was dealt with on the first afternoon. Young and old came to the conclusion that there should not be any division on account of age. It was decided that there will be a group of young Theosophists (under the age of 30) in the Section, but that members of all ages will work together in the Lodges and try to appreciate each other's point of view.

A special feature at the Convention was an evening dedicated to Art. A gifted member of the Section, Maud Kool, gave some dances of her own composition. There was also singing and piano recitals.

As a considerable number of non-members were present I gave a short introduction to Theosophy.

The members in Convention asked me to send you their loving greetings and best wishes for your great work in the near future.

After the Convention we had a National Summer-school at the Huizen Centre for which as subject was chosen: "The Way to the Self." Some 150 members of the Section attended, some of them living in tents on the grounds of the Centre. During the evenings we had camp fires, musical performances and modern dancing.

After the National Summer-school we had an international gathering, also at the Huizen Centre during August. Representatives from Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, France and Switzerland attended these meetings. Many interesting and inspiring talks were given. It is intended to publish most of them in *Theosophy in Action* and *l'Action Theosophique*. We shall also

try to have a Dutch translation of the talks published as a little booklet.

Rukmini Devi arrived here at the beginning of the month. She has been a source of inspiration to all who came in contact with her. She is re-arranging the affairs of the Huizen Centre and has given several informal talks. At Amsterdam she spoke on two occasions about the work of members. To an international gathering of scientists at Huizen she spoke on two occasions about the value of Art in bringing about international under-

standing and also on the subject of dance and music in India. It was a wonderful experience to notice how very much impressed most of the scientists were by her simple and natural way of expounding great truths.

I sincerely hope that the coming winter season will be an effective one and that after the closing of 1946 I will be able to give you an enthusiastic report over the year.

J. VAN DER LEY,  
*General Secretary.*

### FRANCE

The work during this year has progressed, but the difficulties of reorganization of all the various necessary elements of the Society and in particular of the office of the Secretary, do not as yet permit us to give complete details.

Our National Convention was honoured by the presence of many visiting Theosophists of note, among them Col. van Dissel, the Secretary of the European Federation, as also the General Secretaries of England, Belgium and Holland and past General

Secretaries of Switzerland and Sweden. Part of the Convention was a vegetarian banquet and a theatrical presentation by our pre-war group that worked along this line.

The public lectures and study classes have been held regularly at the Paris Headquarters in spite of difficulties due to absence of heating. In the provinces also the work has begun again and is developing. In September the Section Bulletin appeared to replace the various circulars that had been issued monthly.

Active Lodges on 30 Sept. 1946.	...	34
Membership on 30 Sept. 1946	...	1,580

After the Convention the General Secretary resigned, though remaining a member of the Council of Direction. Myself as Vice-President of the Council became automatically General Secretary *ad interim*. A special meeting was

called of the branches to survey the situation when confidence was expressed in the Council of Direction.

PAUL THORIN,  
*General Secretary ad interim.*

## ITALY

The Italian Section was officially reconstructed the 23rd December 1945, with 31 Lodges and 3 Centres, totalling 430 members.

On April 21st 1946 we had in Milan a national meeting for the election of the officers of the Society and to discuss the programme of activities to develop in the Nation. Since then we have two more Lodges, (total 33), three more Centres, (total 6) and the total members increased to 700.

*Statistics on September 30th, 1946 :*

Active Lodges	...	32
Membership Sept. 30th, 1945	...	478
,, Sept. 30th, 1946	...	635
Net increase	...	157

The Italian Section has published since November 1945 a *Bulletino*, 800 copies being distributed to members and sent also to foreign Sections.

During the past year all the activity of the Italian Section has been directed to propaganda and to increase and

perfect the organization of the Theosophical Society in Italy.

Besides the *Bulletino*, the Section has encouraged the publication of Theosophical books, giving all support to the Alaya Publishing House of Milan which has particularly cared for the translation into Italian and the publication of the best Theosophical books.

All Lodges have developed particular programmes of study. The General Secretary has also held public meetings and conferences in Torino, Rome and also at the Popular University of Savona.

At all Centres on the 17th of November, was held a solemn reunion to celebrate the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Society. Other methods are sought for, to propagate the Spirit of Brotherhood and to influence public opinion by the diffusion of our great Ideal.

GIUSEPPE GASCO,  
General Secretary.

## GERMANY

After a pause of eleven years—caused by the despotism of the Hitler regime—the German Section of the Theosophical Society has started its work again. As all the archives had been destroyed or confiscated by the Gestapo this start has been a very difficult and modest one. We had first of all to come into touch with each other again as far as we knew the respective addresses. Many members having been evacuated or bombed out and having changed their addresses it took months to re-establish the contact between such members at least who were ready to take an active part in the reconstruction work of the Theosophical Society in Germany. Letters which

took only a few days in normal times take now at least three times as much before reaching their destination, if they reach it at all. Notwithstanding all these difficulties the election of the General Secretary, the Acting Secretary and the Treasurer could take place in May 1946. This election had to be made through a vote by letter, the coming together of the members being impossible because of the difficulties in travelling, housing and feeding.

The Committee elected by the members of seven Lodges consists according to our Rules, of :

- (1) Herr Axel von Fielitz-Coniar,  
München 19, Nibelungenstr. 14/III,  
General Secretary.

(2) Herr Direktor Martin Boyken, Hamburg 39, Rotbuchenstieg 40, Acting Secretary.

(3) Herr Gustav Sinzinger, Hamburg-Bramfeld, Hornungweg 6, Treasurer.

On 15th October our membership was :

Number of Lodges	...	7
Number of Centres	...	1
Number of Lodge members	...	107
Number of Centre members	...	5
Number of Section members	...	60
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Total membership	...	172
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The membership is steadily increasing.

The licence for free activity in the British Zone asked for on 21st September 1945 has been granted on July 17th, 1946. In the American Zone a licence is no longer necessary, as I have been informed lately. We needed only permission for the three countries of Bavaria, Württemberg-Baden and Groszhessen by the respective Ministry of Culture. The Ministry of Culture at Munich has now granted the permission for the whole of Bavaria. The necessary steps to get the same permission for the other two countries will be taken at once. As to the other two Zones, the situation is not yet clear.

Mr. Ernst Pieper at Düsseldorf has not yet got the licence for his Publishing House, the Ring-Verlag, in which German editions of important books of our Theosophical literature had been published before the war. The whole stock of this publishing house was also confiscated, together with many private Theosophical libraries throughout Germany, by the Gestapo, so that there is now a great lack of our literature in German. This tragic fact is decidedly hampering our propaganda work.

Our Sectional Library has had a better fate: hidden in a cellar it has escaped the grasp of the Gestapo but it is only a small one. We do hope to start a magazine as soon as the

necessary capital is available and a licence given. The demand for it amongst our members is great and it would be a very useful help in the propaganda work. Mr. Pieper has had the good opportunity to buy about a thousand books, partly from the library of the late Dr. Hübbecke-Schleiden so that Mr. Pieper can provide the members of his Lodge with good Theosophical literature. I wish all Lodges were as fortunate as that!

The Lodges have held regular meetings, partly for members, partly for inquirers, where books are read, lectures are held and Theosophical problems are discussed. The Lodge work is greatly hampered by the lack of suitable rooms, all houses which are not bombed being overcrowded.

Professor J. M. Verwegen, my successor as General Secretary in 1928, left the Theosophical Society and re-joined the Roman Catholic Church. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and died in the Concentration Camp of Belsen. His successor, the last General Secretary before the dissolution of the German Section, Baron von Roeder, has been in the war and is missing since more than one and a half years.

Immediately after the re-establishing of the correspondence between Germany and other countries the Theosophical Society in Germany was given a most wonderful and successful assistance through the kindness and enthusiasm of Mr. van Dissel and Mrs. Adelaide Gardner who were like parents guiding the first steps of their child, our Section being really a "baby" which has to grow to manly stature again in a reincarnation period on the physical plane. From Holland and Switzerland helping hands have also been stretched out and we are overwhelmed by this spirit of nobility and forgiveness after all the terrible suffering which countries like Holland have been going through. It is most

encouraging for all of us to know that, after years of awful darkness and isolation in which our Karma has obliged us to live and to stand quite alone in the midst of the devastating influence of the Dark Forces, we are now again in vivid contact with the Theosophical family all over the world. We are ready and willing to take up our work again for the sake of our own country as well as for the sake of mankind at large. At present we are still a very small group but we are trying hard to become an effective nucleus out of which shall grow a German Section

stronger than it has ever been before. Germany needs the wisdom of Theosophy. If the Germans find the contact with this wisdom (intuitively grasped by its deepest mystics, poets, philosophers and musicians) they will after all, spiritualized by the suffering they are enduring at present, enter the region of light and will help in establishing a new era of harmony, peace, helpfulness, mutual understanding and co-operation.

AXEL VON FIELITZ-CONIAR,  
General Secretary.

### CUBA

The main developments of the year were: 1. That the members of the three regions or Federations agreed to appoint, and appointed, a temporary Executive Committee to draw up new By-Laws more flexible and adapted to our needs than the old ones. 2. This the Committee did, and on June 16, at Sancti Spiritus, the By-Laws were adopted at a National Convention where the Lodges' ballots on the matter were counted. 3. Then the Executive Committee held an election of all Section officials according to the new By-Laws, and on November 3rd the new officials were duly elected and installed.

The chief activities in the Section, apart from the usual ones of the Lodges at their members, study and public meetings, were: the periodical Conventions of the Central and Eastern Feder-

ations in different towns; the free classes given by a group of young Theosophists and ladies in Havana; the leaflets and information sent out by the organization called *Ensenanzas Teosoficas*, made up of Havana members; the work of the *Jose Marti Club* for children in Central Mercedes; the propaganda and booklets sent out by the Bureau of Theosophical Studies of the Central Federation; the publication of small books and leaflets at Ciudamar by the Eastern Federation and its beginning to build a Theosophical school; the work of a few Round Table groups for children; five weekly radio programs broadcast from five different cities to spread Theosophy; the publication of the Section's magazine, *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, and the Eastern Federation's monthly magazine, *Teosofia*.

### Number of Lodges and Members on September 30, 1946

Western Lodges :	10
Central Lodges :	8
Eastern Lodges :	10
Total of Lodges	28

No. of their members :	173
" " "	109
" " "	164
National "	3

Total of members 449

MARIA GRAZIA DUANY,  
General Secretary.

## HUNGARY

First and foremost I should like to express in the name of the whole Hungarian Section our deep-felt gratefulness for the help we had from the Great Ones during all the years of the war. As I look back now and see all the things which threatened us at various times and occasions, it seems like a miracle that our Section, small as it is, was able to continue its work, so to say, uninterrupted, though on a small scale and rather quietly. There was but a short interruption during the months when the battle raged on the territory of Budapest, and after the marching in of the occupation troops. But at the end of May 1945, 3 months after the delivering of the city from the Nazis, we began with informal meetings, with an average attendance of 25. In October of the same year we started our regular meetings, although no study courses yet at Headquarters, but the Lodges had study courses for their members.

In the year 1943-44, the Section published two books, translations of *Introduction to Yoga* by Dr. Besant, and of *The Bhagavad Gita*, both in a very pleasant dress. This is our second edition of the Gita which is, and always remains, our best seller. The Gita came out from the printer's a few days before the Nazis laid hands on and took possession of the printing office. These and others of our most valuable books were hidden at different members' houses, and of all the books only a comparatively small number, (about 450) were damaged, the rest are intact. The Gita is a complete and very beautiful re-translation, with an excellent foreword by the translator, Miss Emmy Vadnay, our youth-leader.

Besides these two works, 4 more books were translated (one only revised) and printed during the war: *Karma, Reincarnation, Vegetarianism in the Light of Theosophy*, all by Dr.

Besant, and *At the Feet of the Master* by Alcyone (5th Hungarian edition, thoroughly revised).

Not being able to have all the important books printed, we continued the system of translating Theosophical works into Hungarian, done by a group of members, another group typed 3 or 4 copies, and another group bound them into volumes for the Library. In this way our Library became filled with the following books :

C. W. Leadbeater  
*Telepathy and Mind Cure.*  
*Man, Visible and Invisible.*  
*The Chakras.*  
*How I became a Theosophist.*  
*The Three Paths.*  
*The Hidden Side of Things.*  
*Talks on "At the Feet of the Master".*  
*The Hidden Side of Christian Festivals.*  
 (the last 2 are not yet typed out.)

C. W. Leadbeater & Dr. Besant  
*Man : Whence, How and Whither.*

Dr. Besant  
*The Doctrine of the Heart.*  
*Thought Power.*  
*Occultism.*  
*Karma.*  
*The Brotherhood of Religions.*  
*Initiation the Perfecting of Man.*

C. Jinarājadāsa  
*The New Humanity of Intuition.*

Later, when we shall be richer financially, we hope to have all these printed. At present, hoping to receive the promised £50, we have ready for printing *First Principles of Theosophy* as the most urgent book needed now.

On Jan. 10th, 1946, we had a special General Meeting of members for discussing the modification of our Rules. This seemed to us necessary because we wanted to have our Rules conforming to the Rules of the whole Society,

During the past regime we had to insert a few items by special order of the Government, which sounded too national and consequently too narrow. The three Objects, of course, remained intact, only there were clauses such as the exclusion from any office in the Society of members of a forbidden Sect (here the Liberal Catholic Church was meant), also that no person under the age of 18 may be admitted as a member, not even with the permission of parents or guardians, etc. . . .

You see, we did not cease work during the war, and even the contact with our brethren in other countries was kept alive as far as possible. Post-cards of greetings were exchanged a few times a year with the General Secretaries of Roumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, with members in Austria, Slovakia, Holland (as long as it was possible), and Switzerland, the post-cards always told about the health of dear old *Aunt Sophie* and her family. Several Red Cross messages were also exchanged with the President at Adyar, who was addressed and who signed his answers always as "*Uncle George*"; and with John Cordes in South Africa. It took about a year and a half to get an answer, but it was always a great happiness to get one at all.

During the most difficult times for our country, our members behaved as real Theosophists, helping each other often at the peril of their own lives. One of our most prominent members, after being in prison for a whole month for having helped a Jewish Theosophist, was asked to stay on there in the office of the Prison because she created such a good atmosphere, and was such a good worker.

I said "most difficult times for our country" because, terrible as the bombings have been, with houses and lives destroyed, more terrible than that was the persecution and cruelty of those days. But it was a nice feeling to experience on various occasions that

inspite of all, it was a small minority only who agreed with all that was done on behalf of the Nazis. Our Society owes its survival to that fact, *i.e.* that in the Government offices many officials did what they could to minimize the consequences of those orders. When it was ordered that all Societies with international relations were to be closed down, one of our members who had some influence in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, went there and asked if it was not possible that the Theosophical Society should be cancelled from the list of those "suspicious" Societies, and it seemed that it *was* possible, and it was done. So, they simply forgot us, and the Society survived, although on the entrance door on the street, the board with "Theosophical Society" has never been removed. And later, when the Russian troops came, as I mentioned already elsewhere, a few Russian soldiers entered the library, and seeing the books on shelves up to the ceiling, seized with awe, they turned on their heels, exclaiming "kultura!" and went off, and never again returned. I think the library saved the rest of the flat. Anyhow, nothing was taken away.

The last working year, (1st October, 1945 to 30th September, 1946) was already one of comparatively intense work. We had regular weekly members' meetings, although the average attendance was far behind that of the pre-war years. But this may—partly at least—be due to the fact that the premises were not very well heated, and that communication was very difficult, complicated and expensive. As soon as the weather became warmer and communication better, the attendance rose to almost twice the number of the winter months. And now that our fuel for the coming winter is secured with the generous help of our friends, I think we may reckon upon increasing attendance. Anyhow, the number of new members is astonishing. In fact, there were not

so many new members for several decades past, with the exception of the year 1942, when the Lodge Hunyadi in Kolozsvár (Transsylvania) with its 18 members re-joined the Hungarian Theosophical Society. This Lodge is now again under the Roumanian Theosophical Society. The most joyful fact is that among the new members there are many young ones, students and others under the age of 21, or a little over.

On the whole, one cannot help feeling that in spite of still prevailing diffi-

culties, the idea of Brotherhood is gaining ground, the search for the inner life is becoming stronger and stronger, in general, the Theosophical ideas are being accepted and expressed by quite a number of people, also outside the Theosophical Society.

We are hoping to be able to start public lectures again during the next winter. But this is mostly a question of finance. But we are full of trust that difficulties strengthen us. All will come in time if we do our best.

#### STATISTICS

	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
No. of active Lodges	6	7	7	8	8	—	9
<i>Membership :</i>							
joined	9	12	49	25	16	14	40
resigned	7	7	4	7	6	2	3
lapsed	10	8	5	2	—	2	45
died	3	1	2	1	3	6	16
transferred to other Sections	—	—	2	—	—	18*	—
net gain	—	—	36	15	7	—	—
net loss	11	5	—	—	—	14	24
Total on November 30.	175	150	186	203	210	196	172

\* The whole Lodge " Hunyadi " in Kolozsvár (Transsylvania) was transferred to the Roumanian Section.

Before closing my report, dear President, I feel I must mention the fact that it is owing to the generosity and helpfulness of our brethren all over the world, and to the wonderful work of the American Theosophical Society, that many of our members are now able to continue their work, better fed, clothed, and strengthened by the gifts they have received. Those who did not experience the destitution and poverty, the hunger and weakness our members had to go through, cannot imagine the joy of receiving such parcels with nice things they have not seen for long months, and which restored them to life again, and this is

no exaggeration. And above all this, a link has been created between the senders and the receivers, which means more than thanks for physical things.

And last but not least, our Headquarters is now repaired, also through the generous help given to us from the Rehabilitation Fund. The flat looks nice again, clean, with good windows, light painted walls. Its only shortcoming is a thing which fills us with joy, and that is: it is becoming too small. The lecture room hardly can hold the audience any more. But we hope to get through this winter as it is, and then next spring perhaps we can introduce a change which will enlarge

the possibilities. I hope to move into some other place, and then my room can be added to the lecture room, the adjacent small room will serve as the General Secretary's office, then we shall have quite convenient Headquarters in which there is plenty of room for further expansion.

I remember a great person saying once: "It is through suffering that we learn, but it is through happiness that

we expand and grow." The members of the Theosophical Society have learnt much through the past sufferings, and in the happiness of seeing and feeling the outward signs of love and brotherhood, they now expand and grow into real Theosophists. So may it be.

FLORA SELEVÉR,  
*General Secretary.*

## FINLAND

During the period of reconstruction after the war the number of our members has steadily increased, from 547 to 580, 39 new members, 6 dead, the total increase being 33, with 24 active Lodges.

During the summer time our Headquarters in Helsinki narrowly escaped losing its flat at Vironkatu 7 C. owing to the bad housing situation in the town. The award of the lawsuit was, however, that we were ordered to take two lodgers. Thus the flat is very crowded now. The two Lodges at Turku lost their meeting rooms altogether owing to the same reason. Members are gathering in the private homes of some of the members. With the other countryside Lodges the room situation is not much better. To counterbalance this physical crowding, another sort of wideness stepped in, as the windows to other countries were opened one after another as communication became easier. This enabled us to pass on the news to our members through our periodical *Teosofi*, so that the Section has been able to live together in spite of all the suffering and reconstruction going on in the world. Through *Theosophy in Action* we have had international news.

The very first meeting in all the Lodges in the Autumn was spent in memory of our beloved President, Dr.

G. S. Arundale. In Helsinki there was arranged an entertainment with some speeches and plenty of music by Sibelius and Schubert. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers. The other festival celebrated all over the Section was that of the 70 years jubilee of the Theosophical Society. On the occasion of this anniversary some Helsinki members visited countryside Lodges delivering lectures on several topics. They were Miss Signe Rosvall, Mr. Kallinen and Mr. Pohjanmaa. In addition to these, the General Secretary made a tour of a fortnight visiting and lecturing in all these 14 Lodges. During the tour he got into touch with the very life of the Lodges and learned about their activities as also their needs. Practically all the Lodges are working now except the Valo at Forssa, where the Lodge work is still handicapped by the transport difficulties. Yet the Theosophical work is being done by two enthusiastic members, Mr. and Mrs. Kylämarkula, whose country-house is a living centre of the Theosophical light which many members of other Lodges visit throughout the year, when a meeting is always held with the attendance of a few members and interested peasants. The general impression during the tour was that the members and Lodges suffer from a kind of inferiority complex and

need to pluck up their courage. The lack of young people is also to be mentioned. Lodges always heartily welcome visitors from other Lodges. So in addition to the above mentioned there have been the following visiting members: Mr. Virtanen and Mr. Rauvola, Tampere; Mr. Koistinen and Mr. Taurivuo, Helsinki; and Dr. Olander, Pori; of whom the last mentioned has also managed to get his articles on Theosophy published in the newspapers of his home town, Pori. The Lodge Sampo, evacuated from Vilipuri, has settled in Helsinki and has begun to hold regular meetings weekly at Helsinki headquarters. The other once dormant Lodges have been awaking little by little and are meeting, some once a fortnight, and others once a month at first. Generally the Lodge meetings have been held once a week on a fixed weekday. Some Lodges prefer to reserve their study meetings for members of the Theosophical Society only and welcome outside visitors to their monthly meetings arranged with entertainment; some Lodges keep all meetings open to those interested in Theosophy. It is remarkable how every Lodge—even those in the same town—has its own clearly visible character according to which it works, yet having the same common aim as its goal. As there lies a danger of separating the Lodges from each other, the Board suggested a new activity for the nine Helsinki Lodges. It suggested that once a month the Lodges meet together in a cosy unofficial atmosphere with refreshments available, discussing some question given to them beforehand, on which every Lodge by its representative delivers a speech of about 10 minutes. This suggestion was met with readiness and the "General Lodge", as it is called, began to meet in March 1946 and was very well attended by all the Lodges.

The public Sunday lectures in Helsinki, delivered by members, started in

September and went on to the end of the spring term. They were as follows: Mr. Armas Rankka: *The Importance of Inner Life*; Miss Signe Rosvall: *The Awakening of Intuition*; Mr. Jussi Snellman: *Divinity*, two lectures; Mr. G. V. Mustonen: *The Agents of the Holy Brotherhood*; Miss Vesta Artamaa: *The Goal of the Evolution of Mankind*; Mrs. Martta Nikula: *The Membership in the Theosophical Society*; Mr. Rankka: *The Existence of Angels*; Mr. A. D. Siimes: *The Philosophy of Values and Theosophy*; Mrs. Päiviö Mäkipää: *The Christian Science Movement*; Mr. Fr. Heliö: *Practical Theosophy*; Mrs. Mäkipää: *Mesmerism*; Mr. Mustonen: *The Broad and the Narrow Path*; Mr. Yrjö Repo: *Man and the Seven Rays*; Mrs. Emmi Leimu: *Theosophy and Women*; Mrs. Elsa Kostiainen: *Peacemakers*; Mr. Heliö: *The Golden Rosicrucianism*; Mr. Rankka: *Ghosts*; Mr. O. Vieronen: *I think, consequently I exist*, etc.

One new book has been published, written by Mr. Snellman and entitled *Miten meidän käy kuolemassa*, *What Happens to us at Death*. A new edition was printed of the books *The Voice of the Silence* and *At the Feet of the Master*. Our periodical *Teosofi* was published regularly in 8 issues and its last issue No. 11-12 was of 84 pages, a 70 years Jubilee number with the pictures of the Founders and Presidents of the Society. Theosophical literature has been sold for Fmk 50,000; and one copy has been sent to a Sanatorium near Helsinki of each Theosophical book we have in Finnish. To the Lodges and unattached members the study letters have been sent monthly by the Board.

During the year a very great number of gifts in the form of food parcels have been received from the members of the Danish and Swedish Sections. Some parcels have come even from Holland, America and New Zealand. This great act of practical brotherhood

in the hour of need has been most touching and it was met with deep gratefulness on the part of our members.

The annual Convention was held at Easter as usual. Full of light and life it was one of the most enthusiastic and successful conventions we have ever had. As a visiting lecturer we had once again Miss Eva Franzen from the Swedish Section, and as an unofficial guest there was Mrs. Birgitte Winde from Denmark, who had visited us earlier in the winter on her tour in Scandinavia when she reported to us concerning her suggestion for a new Theosophical centre in Scandanavia. On April 19th there was a welcome meeting with unison singing and a welcoming speech by the youngest member of the Board, Miss Vesta Artamma. Another speech was delivered by Mr. A. D. Siimes on *Conceptions*. In addition there was music. On the 20th at noon there was a discussion meeting with Mr. S. Seppälä as a lecturer on *The Meaning of the Foundation of the Theosophical Society and its task today*. In the evening of the same day was the official meeting, at the beginning of which a short ceremony was held to give the Lodge Charter to a new Lodge *Etsijä (Seeker)* at Seinäjoki. The work was done with good understanding. Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa, as a new member of the Board, was elected in place of Mr. J. Snellman whose turn it was to resign. Mr. Rankka

was elected as General Secretary again for three years and Mr. Pohjanmaa as Vice-General Secretary. The Convention meeting was held on the 21st as a public matinee with a programme containing plenty of good music. Miss Franzen delivered a lecture on *Suffering and Death in the Light of Theosophy*. The same evening there was a closing meeting with Mr. Kallinen as the speaker. He spoke of *The Danger of Group Egoism*. This harmonious Convention ended with unison singing of *The Word of the Master*. After the Convention Miss Franzen was kind enough to give another public lecture on the following day on *Faith and the Modern Man*. After the lecture there was a question meeting and she answered questions asked by the audience. All the meetings were held in a light and airy school-hall close by the Headquarters and the number of those present was about 300 every time.

Adyar Day was celebrated in February with entertainment, including music, and a lecture on Adyar by Miss Alli Aarni. The White Lotus Day celebration was held in May with music and some recitation.

In the election of the President of the Theosophical Society the votes given were 380 yes and 3 no.

ARMAS RANKKA,  
General Secretary.

### RUSSIA

Section dissolved

Members absorbed into other countries

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report owing to war conditions

## SOUTH AFRICA

In October 1945 Mr. Jan Kruisheer, then National President, left the country and Mrs. J. E. Stakesby-Lewis was elected in his place. Our gratitude is due to Mr. Kruisheer for reorganising the Section as a whole, and for establishing the Institute for Theosophical Publicity in South Africa.

*Lodges.*—The Esperanza Lodge felt it had to return its Charter owing to the fact that its leader suffered from chronic ill-health. Most members joined the Durban Lodge, some the Section. Due to the departure of the 3 principal members, Randfontein Centre ceased to exist. Its members joined Johannesburg Lodge. New groups are flourishing in Salisbury, East London and Rustenburg and Centres may be formed in the near future.

All Lodges continued regular activities. The lack of international lecturers stimulates the efforts of local speakers with good results.

In 1945 Miss Clara Codd greatly assisted us with her inspiring talks until she was invited to visit the American Section. Also Mr. Kruisheer's lectures and personal inspiration were much valued and we are grateful for his dynamic help during the years he was with us.

To compensate for the loss of more prominent lecturers a panel of speakers was formed of members who are willing to give up some weeks of their holidays to talk in the smaller Lodges. Also exchange of lecturers from the various Lodges is encouraged and organized.

*Membership* during 1945 showed satisfactory increase. Net gain 46 members.

New admissions	...	86	Resigned	...	15
Readmissions	...	12	Death	...	6
			Lapsed	...	29
			Transferred	...	2
 Total gain	...	 98			
 Net gain	46			Loss	...
Active members 1945	...	521	Active Lodges 1945	...	8
Active members 1946	...	567	Lodge dissolved, Esperanza	...	1
			 Active Lodges 1946	...	7

*Publicity.*—Regular advertisements appear in selected periodicals in English as well as Afrikaans and members appointed to this service reply to enquirers and distribute suitable pamphlets. We try to link up these seekers with the nearest Lodge. Hundreds of enquiries are thus dealt with.

*Institute for Theosophical Publicity in South Africa.*—The main activity of the Institute for Theosophical Publicity at present is to translate and

publish some of our books in Afrikaans. We feel this section of the population has been neglected and we have to approach them in their own tongue. An active *translation-group* is doing excellent work. *The Ancient Wisdom* is ready for press. *Reincarnation* by Dr. Besant is now in hand. As soon as funds are sufficient these books will be printed. Many smaller books and pamphlets have already been issued in Afrikaans. Pretoria Lodge especially

(being a predominantly Afrikaans City) has gained many new young Afrikaans members.

*Race Relations.*—Efforts for better understanding between the races have not diminished. We have active representatives in the South African Institute of Race Relations and Study groups on this subject are encouraged in the Lodges. From this has arisen a new drive for *Penal Reform*, and co-operation with the *National War Memorial Fund* (the main object of which is to launch a large-scale campaign toward improved health-services with special regard to Non-Europeans).

In all these movements the goodwill of the Theosophists is highly appreciated and valued, and close contacts with their leaders has led to very friendly relationships. The Theosophical Society in South Africa welcomes Indian and African members to its ranks although these are few as yet.

*Service Work in General.*—The service work, organized as part of Lodge

activities and grouped under a *National Organiser of the Service Work*, functions extremely well. All Lodge Reports give accounts of enthusiastic work done.

The tendency is to work actively in outside movements and it is noted how much inspiration Theosophists can bring into Committees of other humanitarian movements. In all these branches we find Theosophy at work. Besides the movements mentioned, *Race Relations*, *Penal Reform* and *Health Services*, there are the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, the *Vegetarian Society*, *Anti-vivisection work* and *parcel service* for Theosophists in Europe.

*Eastern Convention, 1946*, at Pretoria was a great success. Its keynote was *Theosophy—a way of living*, and a stimulating realisation of Brotherhood pervaded all meetings. The sense of Unity is growing strong and great bonds of friendship form real links between all the Lodges.

J. E. STAKESBY-LEWIS,  
National President.

## SCOTLAND

In presenting the Report for the year 1945 to 1946 it has to be kept in mind that this is the first of the post-war years. This does not mean, however, that matters have returned to normal conditions. Some of the war restrictions have gone, it is true, but in other respects we are faced not only with a continuance of war-time conditions but also with other features with which we have not hitherto had to cope. This naturally reflects itself in the life of the Society, as shown by the fact that the various Sections and Lodges are still in the process of effecting the difficult transitions from war-time conditions to those present conditions which, though I suppose they must be described as

those of peace-time, are still in many respects abnormal; and we, like the world as a whole, are by no means as yet adjusted to them.

Considering the fluidic conditions, however, I think the Report which I have to present is on the whole a satisfactory one.

*Membership.*—As regards membership, the number on our active list on 1st May of last year was 392. During the year 32 new members have joined, 6 have resigned, 9 have been suspended and 7 have died, our present number, on the 20th of May, being 402, an increase of 10 for the year. A satisfactory feature is that three former members have been reinstated.

**Publicity.**—The usual publicity in the way of Public Lectures in the various Districts has been maintained, and, with the easing of travel conditions to some extent, it may be possible to have a few more travelling lecturers this year, so that this side of our work might well be extended.

**Red Letter Days.**—Adyar Day, Foundation Day and White Lotus Day were all observed as usual by the various Districts; and in some Lodges the 1st of October was also observed. At Headquarters this took the form of a memorial meeting for Dr. G. S. Arundale, our honoured President, who died on August 12th. Dr. Arundale's death was a grievous blow to us all, particularly at this critical juncture in world affairs, but our new President Mr. Jinarājadāsa has a long record of devoted service to Theosophy, and is known both as a writer and as a lecturer all over the world; and I think it is our duty to give him all possible support in the very heavy and responsible post whose burdens he has shouldered at this time of trial, testing and danger for us all.

**Support Convention.**—The Support or "Shadow" Convention, timed to synchronize with the Convention at Adyar at the end of December, was held as in former years at Headquarters.

**Besant Memorial Library.**—The Headquarters Library continues to grow and flourish and its activities are now on a very extensive scale indeed. I feel that members as a whole have very little idea of the scale of this work and the service it renders not only to our own members but to many outside the ranks of the Society. Quite a number of people are regularly finding the way into the Society via membership of the Library.

The figures in the Report speak for themselves. At the end of December last there were 6,846 volumes in the combined Libraries. During the year, 2,459 volumes were taken out; a

considerable number of obsolete books were withdrawn and their numbers filled; 113 subscriptions were taken. This is independent of the free books allowed to all Scottish F.T.S. in good standing.

The Library is constantly being added to, and is thoroughly up to date. Very sincere and grateful thanks are due to those who work for the Library, whether by the giving of books, money or time, and most of all to the Librarian. The Library without her would be like Hamlet without the Prince.

**European Rehabilitation Fund.**—Scotland has again contributed generously to this most worthy Fund. Since I took over my duties last June, I have received £15-8-6 from the members and this has been forwarded to Miss Gladys Newberry in London. Work has been going on for some time now in the way of relieving the worst of the distress, and a financial arrangement with America has proved most useful in the way of sending help; but much still remains to be done; funds are still needed and, I am afraid, will be for a considerable time to come. Meantime I am most grateful to the members for their generosity.

I should like to conclude this Report on a personal note. A year ago I entered upon my duties as General Secretary with a full sense of the responsibility involved and of the honour conferred upon me by the Scottish Section, but with an almost complete ignorance of the details of the duties. Consequently, I have been more or less feeling my way, and proceeding by the method of trial and error. I have been greatly helped, however, by my predecessor, to whom I have never appealed in vain, by the Warden at Headquarters who, by her intimate knowledge of the workings of the Section, has saved me from numerous blunders, and by the kindness and understanding of the members generally.

I have done my best to establish personal contact with as many of the members as possible. At the beginning of the Session I paid visits to the Northern Lodges. At Dunfermline and Dundee I was returning to old friends who knew me well as a lecturer; but I was a complete stranger to the Aberdeen members, who nevertheless received me with a cordiality which almost suggested that they must have divined by a kind of intuition that I was myself half an Aberdonian by descent.

As regards Perth, I found the faithful few struggling against very difficult conditions.

I also visited the West on several occasions and can bear personal testimony to the success of the Garden Party at Helensburgh and to the work of the members of the Western District.

I also made two lecturing tours in England, one to the North Western Federation in February and the other to the Northern Federation in April. These were both very interesting experiences. They were valuable to me, in giving me an insight into the workings of the English Lodges; but I think I may say I also did some useful work in the way of reminding them that there was such a place as Scotland on the map, and also in dispelling some rather curious illusions which they cherished regarding our Section.

In this connection I should like to express my grateful thanks to the Headquarters Warden, who attended to everything that needed attention during these two occasions, and thus enabled me to undertake the two tours with an easy mind.

To the whole membership, however, I owe and hereby offer, my best thanks; and when I think of the sympathetic understanding and support I have received, I can only conclude by adapting Ophelia's words and saying

" 'Tis in my memory locked,  
And you yourselves shall keep the  
key of it."

The General Treasurer's Report showed a credit Balance of £20-8-9.

The Guest of Honour at the Annual Convention was Miss Serge Brisy, General Secretary of the Belgian Section, who won all hearts and gave a deeply impressive account of the conditions in Belgium under the German Occupation, as well as giving an address to members and a Public Lecture.

About 100 members from different parts of Scotland attended the Convention, which proved a most interesting and happy occasion.

EDWARD GALL,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWITZERLAND

Generally speaking the Branches continue enthusiastically with their work. Some of them have followed the "Campaign of Greatness" of Dr. Arundale. Some members have made a study of the life of great men and women of this country and others have tried to find out the greatness of the country and its Dharma. In our Headquarters in Geneva the members there organized several series of conferences.

Membership statistics are as follows:

No. of members 1945	...	276
" " " 1946	...	302
Net increase	...	26

Since 1945, 3 new Lodges have been formed, 2 in 1946, bringing the total of active Lodges in 1946 to 16.

A young member in Basle is working to form a Lodge of Young Theosophists. He has already 6 members. Mr. Wyss is in touch with a group of young members and interested persons at Geneva, and has also visited Tessin to try to gather young people. We feel deeply the necessity to bring in young members. Madame Kamensky has been of great assistance in our work here and through her contacts with the University many students have been interested and attend meetings.

During the war the Order of Service established a War Distress Relief fund (Fond de secours). We have been able to assist many members in France, Poland, Holland, etc., financially as well as supplying them with clothes and other necessities.

Post-war conditions have made possible again contact with our Brethren in Germany and Austria, and thus we were able to assist them through correspondence and the sending of pamphlets. This most useful work is being organized by the European Federation and these two countries are

now being greatly helped. Holland will help Germany and Switzerland will help Austria and Hungary. Our Section has sent during the winter of 1945 many clothes and shoes to the members in Holland.

The annual Convention took place in March at our Headquarters. After the administrative meeting, 4 members spoke on the question: *What do you mean by practical Theosophy?*

Our land is a true paradise and we are conscious of our privilege, and we ask all members of the Society to concentrate their thoughts of love and peace through this peaceful centre, so that the Masters can use it as a channel through which Their blessing can pour forth.

We do not always do what we should do for Their work, but our enthusiasm and faith in our ideal and in the Masters and the Leaders in Adyar remain unchanged.

FANNY SCHEFFMACHER,  
General Secretary.

## BELGIUM

At the opening of our Annual Convention, the General Secretary spoke of the passing over of the President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, extremely popular in the Belgian Section.

<i>Membership :</i>	
New admissions	... 33
Readmissions	... 20
 Total gain	... 53

53 - 25 = net increase : 28

Total membership 1946 = 307

*Work of the Lodges.*—The work has been handicapped by the heating prob-

The General Secretary announced the election of the new President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, on February 17th 1946, an election which has been greeted in Belgium with confidence and joy.

Resignation	...	6
Deaths	...	8
Removals from Rolls	...	9
Transfer to other Sections	...	2
 Total loss	...	25

*Lodges : Active Lodges : 11*

One Lodge dissolved. Alcyone.

lem in Brussels. Some Lodges had to hold their meetings in private houses,

some had to suspend them, but we hope that in the coming year the Theosophical Society in Belgium will obtain a monthly ration of coal.

I should like to mention specially the fine work on education of the Youth Group presided over by M. Marcel Hastir.

In Antwerp, Liege and Gand the Lodges have resumed their normal activities.

*Committee Meetings.*—The Committee met monthly. Its particular work this year has been the study of the present statutes and the suggestion of the revision of several items.

Those statutes have been slightly amended at the meeting of all Lodges on March 3rd 1946, and will be presented to the vote of the members at the General Assembly which will immediately follow the present one.

*Library and Bookshop.*—Both are very active. So active that the Provincial Government (Service of Libraries) has given the Section a sum of 320 belg. frcs for the purchase of books.

*Lectures.*—The public lectures have been 37 in number, and the Government, considering them of public utility, has granted to the Belgian Theosophical Section a sum of 4750 Belgian frcs for the year 1945-46.

The Belgian Section has been honoured by invitations sent to its General Secretary to attend the Conventions of France, Scotland and England. In Paris, Serge Brisy gave a public lecture, which has been published in *Le Lotus Bleu*. In Edinburgh, as Guest of Honour, she gave two addresses to the members and a public lecture; her talk to members in London, "The Mind, Slayer of the Real", will be published as a propaganda pamphlet.

*Study Course on Theosophy.*—The Theosophical Study Course has again been given this year by M. van der Hecht and the twenty lessons have been well attended.

*Workers Group.*—An innovation this year has been the foundation of a

Workers Group, whose aim is the study of the individual.

*Summer Work.*—The Section was only closed in August. In July, instead of having questions put to the lecturers, it was the lecturers who put them to the public.

In September, the platform was offered to the members who wanted to attempt public lecturing.

*Propaganda.* The propaganda has been more widespread than last year, thanks to our English friends who graciously sent to the Section English and French books, as well as two most valuable pamphlets translated from English into French.

The members have received regularly the monthly letter of the General Secretary.

The public lectures have been each time announced by the *Soir* and the *Peuple*, two much-read papers.

Quite lately, a request has been made to the Ministry of Communications for a monthly radiophonic emission, but we do not know as yet if we shall succeed.

The Committee will plan for next year a larger propaganda.

*L'Action Theosophique.*—*L'Action Theosophique*, born in Belgium and offered by its founders, Serge Brisy, Axel Lemesre and Mathieu Marcus to the European Federation, is now the official organ of the Theosophical Society in Europe.

In addition to its monthly numbers, M. Nicolay entrusted the editors of *L'Action Theosophique* with the publication of his book: *Le Declin du Monde Contemporain*.

*Conclusions.*—If, on the whole, we may be satisfied with our work, we must not forget that this satisfaction must go hand in hand with a constructive dissatisfaction, because we shall never be able to work enough for our Society and for Theosophy.

To grow is to be in a constant dissatisfaction with oneself which awakens

new initiatives and urges to new realizations. We must all dig deeper into our teachings and break progressively with the second-hand knowledge which is there only to help individual awakenings. Many of us—far too many—know Theosophy through books only. When books are in a Library or when their contents are treasured in the memory, they are only of service to those who consult them. The coming

era claims an inner life more and more deeply conscious of everyday applications.

The more we radiate Theosophy through the natural and living expression of true knowledge, the more the Section will be able to do its duty towards Belgium, the Federation, Adyar and the World.

SERGE BRISY,  
General Secretary.

### NETHERLANDS INDIES

We are happy to have news of work beginning again in Java after so many years of oppression. The Indonesian Journal *Merdeka* (Freedom) reports as follows: "Theosophy beginning again, Solo, 24th December. The

Theosophical Society met in the Lodge buildings of the Theosophical Society in Soerakarta; there were 19 members present."

(Extract from a letter from  
J. A. H. VAN LEEUWEN.)

### BURMA

It was six years ago that the last Annual Report of the Burma Section of the Theosophical Society was presented, and much has happened since then. No country in the East has been more shaken to its very foundations, and none has been left more exhausted by the terrible ordeals of more than four years of total war, which subjected Burma not only to the brutalities of invasion by an unscrupulous and ruthless enemy, but also to the terrible toll of death and destruction which attended the beating back of that enemy step by step until his final collapse. The war found Burma unprepared both physically and morally for the fate that was in store for her. The 48-hour notice to evacuate Rangoon came as a bolt from the blue to most of its citizens, on the 20th February, 1942, and on the 8th of March the City had fallen to the enemy. None of our members could stay on in

Rangoon, and those who could not evacuate by sea to India had to move into Upper Burma, closely followed by the advancing Japanese forces. With the sudden collapse of the defences of the City, nothing could be moved out and the Rangoon Lodge had to be abandoned to the mercy of an enemy who made no secret of his hate for the Theosophical Society and all that it stood for. The up-country Lodges fared no better, as all that the members could do was to abandon home and Lodge and all their property and escape to the nearest jungle for safety. Yet not one of the Lodges was rendered entirely homeless through all the bombing, arson and looting which was the order of the day, and, though our loss has been great, much of the books and records, and even some of our furniture, have been recovered. The age of miracles is not past, and we emerge out of this ordeal with our faith in the Unseen

confirmed and with feelings of gratitude for what has been spared to us, with which we can start afresh.

**Membership.**—The Membership of the Burma Section stood at 112 on the 30th September 1940, of whom we have to record with regret that twelve have passed on during these last six eventful years. We have only 17 of the original number now in Rangoon and we have 10 others in various other parts of Burma. Thirty are still in India, not having been able to return, due to shipping and other difficulties. We have still not been able to trace the whereabouts of 43 of our members. Amongst those who have passed on are some whose places will be indeed difficult to fill, but to one and all of them goes our affectionate remembrance of the many incidents which serve to bind us to them.

**Lodges.**—The only Lodges which it has been possible, so far, to revive are the Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, the Budhaghosa Lodge, Pyinmana, the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, and the Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo. It is hoped that the Rangoon Youth Lodge will soon be revived, and our plan for the coming year should be to see that at least two more Lodges in the districts are fully restored, so that the Section can once again have its minimum of seven Lodges functioning effectively. But, with the present state of railway and other transport in Burma, and especially because of the risk and enormous cost attendant on travel in various parts of the country, it will be some time before better and closer contact is established between the Section Headquarters in Rangoon and the various centres which promise well for the future.

**Olcott Lodge, Rangoon.**—The Lodge building is intact, but it has lost practically all its equipment. The Lodge was under the care of U San Hla during all these years. He returned to Rangoon from Minbu a few days

after the City fell to the Japanese, and on visiting the Lodge he found some Japanese soldiers tearing up books and generally misusing the Hall and the offices of the Lodge. With great difficulty he managed to get a permit to occupy a house opposite the Lodge, but as even that could not prevent trespassers misusing the Lodge he moved in with his family and lived in the Lodge premises till November, 1942, when intensive allied bombing made the City uninhabitable. He moved into a monastery a few miles away and put the Lodge in the care of watchmen, who proved extremely untrustworthy, and when one of them was found murdered U San Hla decided to move whatever he could to the monastery where he lived. The library books and old documents of value were thus removed and they remained in the monastery for the whole of the period of the Japanese occupation. Much of these has been saved, but we have lost practically the whole of the Magazine Section of the Library, and almost all its chairs, tables, etc. The antagonism of the Japanese for anything English was such that if one were found with an English book in the streets he got his face slapped. U San Hla, however, continued to distribute tactfully the pamphlets *Tenets of Theosophy*, *The Three Vedanta*, *The Two Dharmas*, *The Truths of Islam*, etc., of which there was a fairly large stock. Copies of the Burmese translation of *At the Feet of the Master* were also freely distributed. The admirable services of Mr. and Mrs. San Hla during these years deserve the very highest commendation.

From June to August, 1943, the Lodge premises were used for a weekly Church Service, with an attendance of about 20 on an average. After the arrival of the British forces in 1945, some of the members of the Navy used the Hall for such Services. In July, 1945, Rev. U Yewada, of the Alettawya

Monastery, recited Buddhist scriptures for further sanctifying the premises. From May, 1944, Bro. U Hla Min began to take a more active interest in the Lodge, and on his appointment, as Minister of Education in the Ba Maw Government, a proposal was mooted for the founding of a Theosophical Trust to take over the properties of the Theosophical Society and the Burma Educational Trust and to use them for the purposes for which they were dedicated ; but before the scheme could be brought to fruition Bro. Hla Min was murdered while on tour in Bassein and the papers relating to the scheme, with some of the original documents, which were in his possession, were all lost.

Towards the end of 1945 some of the members of the Olcott Lodge, who had evacuated to India, returned, and the Lodge had a strength of 16 on the 31st December, 1945. On the 31st July, 1946, the Lodge had, including Associate Members, a strength of 29. The books, records and such furniture as had been removed to the monastery have all been brought back, and the Librarian is busy renumbering and re-cataloguing the books. The reclassification of Section A of the Library (consisting of books on Theosophy) has been completed and a list has been prepared of the books which are required to replace lost or missing ones. It is estimated that the cost of these books, which are urgently required to complete this Section of the Library, will be Rs. 650/- . Bro. D. A. Anklesaria has donated to the Library all his books, which were saved along with those of the Lodge Library, and for this valuable addition of some 225 volumes on Theosophy, Mysticism, Religion, Philosophy and kindred subjects, besides 155 pamphlets and booklets, mainly on Theosophy, the Lodge is most grateful to him. A start has been made with the Sales Department of the Olcott Publishing House, but the few books which were brought by

members coming over from India were soon sold out and fresh stocks are awaited. The first public lecture under the auspices of the Olcott Lodge after its revival was delivered on the last Sunday of 1945 by the English monk, Ven'ble Bikkhu Prajnananda, who has been closely associated with the Theosophical Society for over half a century and who remained behind to face persecution from the Japanese, who suspected him to be a British spy. The Hall was filled to capacity, reminding one of normal times. The Lodge now holds regular study classes and occasional public lectures ; but till the Lodge is fully re-equipped and till electric supply is restored, it will not be possible to have more of these. The immediate requirements of the Lodge have been met from a small donation from the Burma Section, out of the nucleus of a Rehabilitation Fund which has been started, but the urgent repairs to the building and renewals are estimated to cost a minimum of Rs. 2500.

*The Burma Educational Trust.*—The properties of the Burma Educational Trust in Rangoon are still under military occupation and it has therefore not been able to reopen the B.E.T. Schools. Another reason for the delay has been the fact that Government has not yet finalised its Educational Reconstruction policy, and it would be best to wait and see how our Schools can fit into the new policy as it ultimately emerges. The Schools are expected to reopen for the new school-year June, 1947. Meanwhile, the Trust has been busy reconstructing its old documents which have been lost, by copies being traced and obtained from the authorities concerned.

*The Burma Humanitarian League.*—The League has started in a small way. It has saved most of its very large stock of propaganda pamphlets, booklets, posters, etc., and an intensive drive for membership is in progress.

*Lotus Lodge, Mandalay.*—The Lodge has a strength of seven members, but due to various reasons they have not been able to meet as often as they would like. Bro. U Kyaw Hla, who visited Rangoon recently, is enthusiastic about the work in Mandalay. The main Lodge building has been damaged, but the smaller annexe is intact and the restoration of the Lodge would need Rs. 1500.

*The Mandalay Vegetarian Society* continues to flourish under U Kyaw Hla's guidance, and he worked hard to present a large purse to Mr. Christmas Humphreys, who passed through Rangoon recently, for propaganda for Buddhism in the West.

*Budhaghosa Lodge, Pyinmana.*—The Lodge has at present only five active members. It has no building of its own and meetings are held in Bro. U Hla Maung's residence. He is trying his best to strengthen the Lodge. U Hla Maung has with him about 40 young people who are engaged in rural uplift work, including a small school for cottage industries and an animal welfare centre.

*Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo.*—The main Hall of the Lodge has been damaged, but the small detached single-room building is safe. It is now occu-

UPIED by one who looked after it in the absence of our members, and the work of the Lodge cannot be effective till the building becomes available. The rebuilding of the Hall is expected to cost Rs. 1500. Bro. Maung Maung Hmin, who also visited the Section Headquarters recently, is quite hopeful of the work at Maymyo.

*Presidential Election.*—Of the many events crowded into the last six years covered by this Report, there is one which cannot be passed over lightly, and that is the passing of our Beloved President, Dr. George S. Arundale, at Adyar. Burma was not fortunate in welcoming him physically, but our members were so closely linked to him that each feels the loss as a very personal one. We are indeed glad to welcome Bro. C. Jinarājadāsa as our new President. He is no stranger to Burma and he has endeared himself to a very large section of the people of this country outside the ranks of the Society. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming him, now as President. We also look forward to a visit from the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists, Srimati Rukmini Devi.

C. R. N. SWAMY,  
Assistant General Secretary.

## AUSTRIA

After the very long time of 8 dark years of great dangers and sorrows, I am very glad to send you the Report of the Austrian Theosophical Society as the first proof of our renewal.

The flying squad of Hitlers "Gestapo" visited our last Headquarters and left us neither time nor opportunity to rescue the material things of our Society. The inventory and our library with its more than 3000 books were confiscated, so that we must begin from the very beginning.

During the time from March 1938 till September 1941 it was still possible for us to help personally those who were persecuted because of their non-aryan origin.

In this way, according to my knowledge, Mrs. Mary Auner-Dickenson, Frau Roma Fischer, Frl. Maria Jacobi, Mrs. and Mr. Freeman, Dr. Oskar Hugl, my wife, Helene Schleifer and myself worked successfully.

The diabolical order against Jews forcing them to wear a big yellow star

later on prevented further physical contact with these brethren, as to be seen with a Jewish person was perilous to both parties. But nevertheless the contact with certain friends was continued until they left the country either by escaping or by deportation.

In the spring of 1938 there were about 26 Jewish members who were persecuted. Though most friends had opportunities to escape abroad, some of them were prevented by family ties and have been taken away and were probably put to death by the Gestapo.

During war-time Herr Karl Riedel took a lot of trouble to bring together some of our friends by personal contact and letters. Later on, he was one of the efficient workers in restarting the Society here.

**Activities.**—Since the new start on November 17, 1945, some groups of members and new enquirers met in different private houses in Vienna and Graz. In Vienna Frau Roma Fischer and Herr Anton Spiller continued their work which was carried on during the war, meeting old friends and new ones who were interested. The ceremonial group of Frau Fischer was formed as a Lodge, *Lux in tenebris*, and the group of Herr Spiller exists now as Lodge *Aletheia*.

Thanks to the connection of Herr Albert Jarosch with the President of the Vienna Federation of Esperantists, it was possible to get a public lecture room in the first district of Vienna. There we had regular public meetings until the end of June.

Every Friday since February, Herr Dr. Hugl as my first representative delivered in his Lodge *Alcyone* lectures for beginners, whilst my second representative, Herr Riedel, conducted his Lodge *Pythagoras* every Sunday afternoon in our former *Theosophenheim* in Hüttdorf; he also gave weekly talks in the city to a group of earnest members about some deeper aspects of our Theosophical teachings.

In the course of the spring, Herr Karg started work with his Lodge *Lotus*, Herr Ing. Korner with Lodge *Einheit*.

In Graz in Styria (Steiermark), Dr. Norbert Lauppert revived Lodge *Blavatsky* with great success, assisted by our keen Brethren, Herr Ing. Julius Fleischanderl, Frau Otilie Sarnitz, Frau Marianne Ertl and Frau Paula Löw. In the course of a short time three Lodges started in Styria: *Paracelsus* was founded by Ing. Fleischanderl in Graz, Lodge *Gnosis* and Lodge *Annie Besant* in Bruck-am-Mur.

The local conditions in our country which is divided into 4 zones of occupation made it impossible for me to travel to these towns of Styria to visit the Lodges; so Dr. Lauppert suggested joining the 4 Lodges in a *Styrian Federation* under his leadership, which was done on May 8, 1946.

Our friends in Graz are also fortunately on good terms with a large printing office, so that Dr. Lauppert could publish the first periodical called *Adyar* every two months, with 500 copies. To publish a paper in Vienna could not be allowed before, by the official board of paper control, though in the first month of the year we did reprint 1000 copies of an old pamphlet, *Theosophie und die Theosophische Gesellschaft*.

**Membership.**—The Membership increased until at the end of September 1946 it reached 236. In Vienna: 113; in Graz: 60; Bruck: 14; Leoben: 8; scattered in different places: 41; New Lodges: 6; Active Lodges: 11.

**General.**—We are still hoping to get some German Theosophical books as gifts from some of our old members; but as yet there are no Headquarters in Vienna and no place for book-cases. Meanwhile arrangements are made with the Vienna Lodges for lending books to the members under special control and conditions.

Thanks to the European Federation we have received about 100 books in

English as well as a gift of 1000-ö. S. for restoration of the Headquarters, a sum which is too small to get large enough rooms for our requirements; we also received information that food parcels are on the way. We are very grateful to the American and the Swedish Sections for the parcels they sent which were most welcome; conditions of life here being still very difficult.

Hoping that the last message from our beloved Brother, Dr. G. S. Arundale through Miss Kern in February 1945 may be fulfilled: "It will be all right again with Austria", I close my Annual Report with heartfelt greetings to our new President.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,  
General Secretary.

## NORWAY

The following information covers our work in Norway since its liberation on May 8, 1945:

At our Convention on September 1, 1945, I was elected General Secretary for Norway for a period of 3 years. As the work had been suspended completely for about 6 years (under the German occupation) it was only natural that the work met certain difficulties from the beginning. We were unable to hire any rooms for meetings nor were we able to have any rooms to keep our books from the Lodge Libraries at Oslo and those books of Norsk Teosofisk Forlag (our printing company). The meetings at Oslo had to be held in my private rooms at Oscarsgt. 11. But more important to observe is that most of the previous members of Oslo eagerly met to co-operate in the work once restarted. Most of them were very glad to have the work re-started, they had missed it for so many years, when the Lodge meetings then were rather successful. Two of our faithful members, Mr. Erling Havrevold (previous General Secretary) and Trygve Bauer Nilsen (previous Secretary-Treasurer) told us that they would pay the expenses of publishing our sectional magazine *Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift* (6 issues a year) with Norw. Kr. 2.400. Two issues were published in 1945, and 5 issues

since then to date. This sectional magazine we have tried to sell through the distributors of newspapers, periodicals, etc., in the kiosks in the streets, and in this way we have managed to sell 150 copies of each issue, not bad for a beginning. We tried to make the magazine as interesting as possible and especially suitable for outsiders.

In April 1946 my wife, an energetic and most useful companion and assistant in the work, and I together took a trip to our Lodges in the Western part of Norway: Haugesund and Stavanger. The trip was a very useful and interesting one.

We have written to the members asking them to state whether they intend to keep their membership of the Society or not. On the basis of their replies and remittances we have registered about 105 members, but of course we hope to get even more replies from members of inactive Lodges and Centres in Norway, where even before the war the work was rather dull. We are also circulating among the members lectures, etc., and copies of *Theosophy in Action* (English and French) kindly sent to us by Mr. J. E. van Dissel.

We intend to hold public lectures on every Sunday of the month with musical programmes. On our first meeting in September, the Swedish General Secretary Mrs. Eva Ostelius

gave a public lecture on *Life after Death*. About 100 people were present. In October we shall be visited by Mr. Otto E. Viking of Nakskov, Denmark, and he will lecture on: *Theosophy today—Unity or Chaos?*

A most important item this year is the summer school which is being held under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom, Prof. v. der Stok, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, etc., at Norre Aaby, Fyn, Denmark. As you no doubt know, a rather large property has been secured by the faithful members of the Society, Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Winde, and the school was a very great success indeed. Some 14 members from our Section were present.

On the whole we may say that the possibilities of the Theosophical work just now are rather great and promising. People belonging to the *intellectuals* of Norway are trying to find a new basis of life, a new philosophy of life, considering the previous dogmatic materialism, the limited scientific pic-

ture of life and evolution rather unsatisfactory. Marxism and Sigmund Freud's teachings are no longer the only great stars in the firmament! Therefore I hope that we in Norway will be able to make use of these possibilities. Of course such possibilities are most often experienced in times just after a great war, but we feel that for these times especially there is a deeply felt want. Visitors from abroad, Mr. Viking, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom, Brigitte Winde, etc., and especially the visit of the President which will take place in June, we hope, will greatly help us in this work. I am sorry to say that I have very little time to spare to travel, but I hope to be able to visit Trondhjem sooner or later.

I beg to send you all our heartfelt greetings and good wishes for your work and a hearty welcome to Norway whenever it is possible for you to come.

ERNEST NIELSEN,  
General Secretary.

## EGYPT

See under Presidential Agency

## DENMARK

During the year work has continued eagerly and with interest in some of the Lodges here in Denmark. These Lodges had regular weekly meetings and a monthly public one advertised in the local newspaper. A Lodge "Young Theosophists" in Kobenhavn has been dissolved, and the members have entered the "Kobenhavn's Lodge". In another town, Randers, a group began studying Theosophy; perhaps it will result in the building of a new Lodge.

Two members, Mr. and Mrs. Winde, have given a large sum of money towards the starting of a Centre "Gammel Praestegaard". The President is Mrs. Ransom. The purpose is that "Gammel Praestegaard" shall be a special Centre for the Scandinavian countries, Finland and Iceland. This year a Summer School has taken place there. Mr. and Mrs. Ransom, Professor van der Stok, Bishop Bonnier, Mrs. Bonnier, Bishop Viking and others delivered lectures upon Theosophical subjects. The

gathering was visited by Theosophists from Norway, Sweden, Finland, England, Holland and Denmark, and was very successful. A deeply spiritual atmosphere influenced all who were present.

In August, our General Secretary for many years, Mr. Bonde Jensen, died. During his term as General Secretary Mr. Bonde Jensen did a great work for the Danish Section. It was a great loss to the Section when he passed over. I have been elected as his successor.

In September 1946 we had the great delight of a short visit from Mrs.

Arundale in Kobenhavn. She gave a lecture about Brotherhood to about 100 members, and at a reception she greeted all the members present.

Three of the Lodges in Kobenhavn have agreed to have regular common meetings during the winter. The general feeling about this new method is that it has been successful.

We here in Denmark look forward with confidence and joy to the Theosophical work for the winter and especially to the visit of the President next year.

J. H. MOLLER,  
*General Secretary.*

## IRELAND

In submitting this Report as General Secretary of the Irish Section let me very sincerely thank the members of this Section, for having given me an opportunity to serve the Theosophical Society in Ireland.

To be elected as General Secretary of a Section is the highest honour that the members of a Section can confer upon its workers, and I am truly grateful to the members of the Irish Section, for the honour they have conferred upon me.

The passing of our International President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, on August 12th 1945, came to us all as a profound shock. His dynamic leadership and virile personality, gave an impression of enduring health and strength, so that even though we knew that for some

time, he had been suffering from recurring fever, no thought of his passing had ever crossed our minds. On the eve of peace he died, as though, with the ending of hostilities, his work was finished on this plane of outer activity.

In response to a letter from the Recording Secretary, calling for nominations for a new President, a cable was sent, nominating Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa. On receipt of a cable from Adyar, Madras, informing us that Mr. Jinarājadāsa was the only candidate nominated for office and willing to stand, a vote was taken, in accordance with Rule 10 of the Constitution at the Executive Committee Meeting, held on the 6th January 1946, and on January 7th, the following result was sent by airmail to Adyar.

Number of members eligible to vote	...	113
" " " voted " For "	...	69
" " " " Against "	...	6
" " " unrecorded	...	38

On February 17th 1946, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa was declared President of the Theosophical Society. He is well known in every Section of our Society. Under his leadership the Society will enter

into a new phase of its work. Mr. Sidney A. Cook, former President of the American Section, has been elected as Vice-President of the Theosophical Society.

During the year under review, there has been a considerable increase in interest in Theosophical subjects and in Theosophy generally. The meetings in Dublin, showed a larger percentage of enquirers than usual. Though the membership has not increased, only one new member being gained for the Dublin Lodges, the important point to remember is, however, not so much the gaining of new members, as the spreading and radiation of Theosophical Truths to the world at large. Much interest and discussion has been evoked by the co-operation. We greatly appreciate a Legacy of £100, bequeathed to Headquarters, from the estate of the late Dr. Norman Joynt, who was formerly a member of the Irish Section. The contents of his Library were also left to Headquarters, but owing to enemy action, these valuable books were completely destroyed, and no record remains to enter a claim for compensation. The Library, during the past year, has been well supported, many volumes being mailed to various interested enquirers in different parts of Ireland. The 'highlight' of the previous Session was the visit of Mrs. Lavender Berry, of London, on June 4th, who favoured the Dublin Lodges with an Address on "The Magic of Living".

In Cork, the Study Classes are held every alternate week, several of the members have visited Dublin Headquarters and attended various meetings.

No new members are noted in the Cork and County Lodge.

In Belfast, N. Ireland, the work has proceeded enthusiastically and earnestly—the membership now stands at 71, a gain of seven members for 1945-46. A feature of their programs has been the inclusion of Talks on the inner side of Music, Poetry, and the Drama, as well as delightful Musicals which have met with hearty response from the members and friends.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Young, Mr. Wight, and Dr. Shearman,

the Members' Meetings and Study Classes have flourished, and the Absent Healing Group has, it is understood, accomplished good work. A flying visit was paid by Mr. J. E. Van Dissel, to the Belfast Lodges in October, 1945.

Coleraine Lodge continues to work steadily, holding its meetings every week, interested and working in altruistic movements for the welfare and betterment of the community. One new member has joined the Lodge.

It is greatly to be regretted that Maiden City Lodge has relinquished its Charter; two of its members are contemplating joining the Coleraine Lodge. In the near future may a new Lodge arise to point the way to a higher life and opportunities for spiritual growth.

On the whole, the year has been one of expansion and growth; many more people are aware of the Theosophical Society in Ireland, than in former years. The T.O.S. Sewing Circle has been very active, preparing and making more than 350 garments for needy children. The Dunlaoghaire Study Group, under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Lyburn, has progressed steadily.

May I say here, that a sum of 250 dollars, from Captain Russell Lloyd-Jones, Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, Connecticut, U.S.A., has been forwarded by airmail, to the Irish Section, for the purchase of the book "The Essential Unity of All Religions", for distribution to prominent people in Ireland.

The total membership of the Section now stands at 115, new members—9, resigned—5, lapsed—1, transferred—1, died—1.

"A new Era is dawning, my Brothers! We who are pledged to the Work of the Theosophical Society must work to lift a little of the heavy karma of the world"—"Each of us bears a torch to show the Path of Happiness to others".

ALICE LAW,  
General Secretary.

## MEXICO

During the year ending October 31st 1946, the Mexican Section has maintained the regular trend of activities, which we have followed for the last three years. At Headquarters, one or more different meetings are held every day of the year in our premises, where one T. S. and Lecture Room; two Masonic and one Co-Masonic temples; as well as another room called "Sala Blavatsky", are daily opened for various activities, in as many as 4 T. S. Lodges, 16 Masonic and Co-Masonic Lodges; 2 Ritual of The Mystic Star groups; 2 Bible students groups, (Saturdays, and 2 classes Sundays) and for Students of Astrology, all are taking advantage of the hospitality rendered by the T. S. Home in the City of Mexico. We have no blank days at all; and all through the year, harmony and goodwill have been the ties for heart and action between all our members.

However, intense as is the work at Headquarters, the "field work" is still waiting for lecturers who are willing to pay for the travelling expenses themselves. Some of our Lodges are very far indeed, (2 or 3 days by rail) and have not yet received periodical visits of lecturers. There are big Mexican Cities, State Capitals, which are not yet blessed by the presence, in their midst, of a Theosophical Lodge, this being a cause of anxiety to the writer.

**Statistics.**—During this year, 44 new members were admitted to our ranks; 3 died; 1 resigned and 17 removed from the rolls. The total membership is now 356. Eleven young Theosophists founded the MAITREYA Lodge, in the City of Mexico, (May 1946) thus increasing our total number of Lodges to 19. There are also four Centres. Straight Theosophy has been the "leit-motif" for study among all Lodges and Centres.

**Propaganda.**—A series of 9 weekly public lectures was held at Headquarters from the 23rd of April to the 18th of June. Besides our Sectional Bulletin, freely sent to our members and to 300 friends, the General Secretary is issuing every other month the leaflet *Dharma* for the diffusion of Theosophy among people who will perhaps never come to our Lodges. 20,000 copies were freely distributed by mail. Some weekly circular letters and copies of the leaflet *Eclectica* were also distributed to T. S. members and friends by Dr. Alfredo Cuarón who, as Governor of a Rotary District, travelled from July to September along the Eastern and Southern portions of the country, visiting then several of our Lodges.

**New Book**—Bro. Manuel Lopez Andres, member of the *Psique* Lodge, published a nicely printed book containing eight untranslated lectures by Dr. Besant: "The Inner Government of the World" and "Civilization's Deadlocks". He made the translation into Spanish, carefully revised by the writer, of these very timely lectures, as we see now that the social and legislative reforms suggested years ago by our late great President, are being adopted and put into practice by several countries.

**Convention.**—Our 1946 Convention will take place in this City of Mexico from the 27th to the 29th of December. A new note of brotherhood will then be sounded as free lodging has been offered by local members to *all* Delegates coming from the Interior.

*Adyar and Lotus Days*, as well as the 71st Anniversary of the Foundation of the T.S., were duly commemorated.

**The Mystic Star Ritual.**—This most favourite Ritual was performed every second and last Sundays of month, *i.e.*, 24 times per year, being always a source of inspiration and lofty feelings for those attending. The new book with

added instructions and drawings has been duly translated and the group is collecting funds for its publication.

*Visitors from Abroad.*—A very agreeable experience in this year has been the strengthening of fraternal international ties. Four prominent workers, Lodge Presidents from other Sections, were cordially received by us: Mrs. Amalia de Sotela, from COSTA RICA (April); Col. Juan M. Cruz Bustillo from CUBA (July); Bro. Rafael Cervera I. from New York (August); and Mrs. Esperanza C. de Hopgood, from PUERTO RICO (October). Farewell members' gatherings were offered to them and we all very strongly felt fresh hopes for a closer international, or rather continental, Theosophical friendship.

*Cooperativa "Fraternidad Universal".*—The T.S. Home in Mexico has almost paid for itself. We only

owe Dls. 1600 for the final settlement of the mortgage. As a result of the new fiscal estimate of the taxation value of the land, its present commercial value has risen 200%.

We may assure you, Dear President, that the holy fire of Theosophy is burning in Mexico, at least in the Metropolis, where several hearts and minds are proving to be devoted servers of the Cause, faithful to the Ideal, and ready to face and neutralize any germ of disharmony among them. May our little service within the great Service of The Theosophical Society be always discharged with the Fire of Enthusiasm and the Accuracy of Wisdom.

Most cordial greetings and best wishes from us all.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,  
General Secretary.

## CANADA

Considering the reactions of the War, and the social and economic conflicts that have flared up and continue in what we are pleased to call a time of peace, the annual report of the Canadian Theosophical Society among the other National Societies may be regarded as satisfactory and also encouraging. Few join us who are not imbued with deep convictions of the

necessity of fighting for Truth, the inner fight that enlists one for the duration, and demands all one's loyalty and all one's courage. A few join each year who think Truth may be found like a coin. Outer Truth always has two sides; inner Truth only one. Hence the lapsing of those who had hoped to find Truth securely packed and labelled.

### Membership :

	Active Lodges	...	14	
New admissions	...	23	Deaths	...
Re-admission	...	17	Inactive	...
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Total gain	...	40	Loss	...
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Net gain	...	19		

Active members 376

It will be observed that our membership has increased by nineteen. I regret to state that six of our mem-

bers died during the year. Mr. Felix A. Belcher's death was a severe blow to the Society and was much regretted.

His versatility and work on behalf of Theosophy was very much in evidence during his lifetime, and his decease leaves a big blank in our operations. The funeral service, as carried out by Mr. Dudley Barr of the Toronto Lodge caused much comment, so much so that besides being printed in our magazine it has now been printed in pamphlet form and will, we believe, be one that will be used a great deal in the future. If any of the Sections would care to have a few copies for perusal we shall be glad to forward same on request.

Our magazine *The Canadian Theosophist* is well up to standard and the number of subscribers continues to increase. I receive numerous letters of appreciation from all parts of the world. Besides its many articles on Theosophy, which arouse much interest, other articles such as "The Somerset Zodiac" cause considerable comment from casual readers and others interested in scientific and archaeological subjects.

The Travelling Library of the Toronto Lodge is very active and is now sending books as far afield as West Africa.

Animal Welfare is a subject that the Society at large takes an ever-increasing interest in, and which we are always advocating.

Schemes and plans for the resuscitating of the annual Fraternization Conventions which were stopped owing to the war are in process of fructification, and it is hoped that a new start will be made in 1947.

In summing up I would state that there is a strong undercurrent of spiritual thought in Canada and that a decided tendency is evidenced that it is tending to Theosophical ideas and ways of living. I have fervent hopes that in years to come our teachings will prevail and make a deep imprint on the thought and culture of the people of Canada.

E. L. THOMSON,  
General Secretary.

## CANADA

### ARGENTINA

The principal activity during the past year has been that of publicity. For this purpose a considerable quantity of leaflets has been printed and distributed, including "The Hour has struck for World Peace" and Mr. Jinarājadāsa's inaugural Address, of which 5,000 copies were printed for the benefit of all the Latin-American sections.

The tours made by the General Secretary this year have been few and short, as so much of his time has to be given to the administration of this large section. A visit was paid by him to the Uruguayan Section during the last Convention.

There has been a marked increase in membership, as shown by the following figures:—

Membership 1945	...	793
New Members	...	187
Members who have rejoined.	...	22

Total ... 1002

Members who have been lost to the Section by death, resignation, lapse or transfer	...	79
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Membership 1946	...	923
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Net gain ...	130
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One Lodge was dissolved, but three new Lodges were created.

Among those whom the Section has lost by death was the ex-General Secretary Don Arturo Montesano Delchi.

The collection for the Rehabilitation Fund for the European Sections has amounted up to date to \$ 2,608.10. Further amounts are expected from some Lodges and from the Bolivian Sub-Section.

The property at Calle Alvarado 2225, Mar del Plata, was acquired for the Section at a cost of 2,500 pesos.

JOSÉ M. OLIVARES,  
General Secretary.

## CHILE

I have pleasure in sending you the annual Report of our Chilean Section and to state that the year under report was in every respect similar to last year. Our work is more or less the same, as are the number of our Lodges and Centres and membership. We are confident to attract in the very near future new members to cooperate in the work of the Masters.

*Convention.*—The 27th annual Convention was held in Valparaiso on the 15th and 16th December last. The meeting was well attended, lectures and discussions were interesting. "How to develop Spirituality" was the main subject.

*Public Meetings.*—In Santiago and Valparaiso public meetings are held at least once a week, devoted to spread the wonderful teachings the world has received through our Leaders H. P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarājadāsa and many others.

*Libraries.*—In Santiago, Valparaiso and Antofagasta, Theosophical libraries containing hundreds of volumes are open to the public.

*Magazines Published. Fraternidad* and *Gaceta Teosofica*.—The former is ending its third year of publication. We try to offer to our readers short articles, resumés (similar to the *Readers Digest*) of the more important Theosophical teachings and from well known oriental and occidental writers. *Gaceta Teosofica* has just been issued; it will inform our members and the public in general about the Theosophical movement throughout the whole world.

*Finance.*—Our financial standing is good. We expect to be able very soon to purchase a Headquarters Building in Santiago, investing the money we have received to that end.

*Membership, Lodges and Centres.*—The membership in 1944-45 was 151  
" 1946 149  
Lodges 6 in 1946 instead of 7 in 1945; in compensation we have started 2 new Centres.

The secretarial work is done regularly.

JUAN ARMENGOLLI,  
General Secretary.

## BRAZIL

The movement has largely increased. A new Lodge was formed: *Lumen*. Two other lethargic Lodges began their activities again: *Alcyone* and *Jehoshua*, the first in Bahia State, the other in Rio grande do Sul. One new Centre was also formed *Centro Friburguense*.

Our membership has greatly increased from about 400 to 817 members.

Brazil is now at peace. A new Constitution was approved in September and the Dictatorship is now only a nightmare. We suffered as is natural, and as many other countries

did, due to the consequences of the War, but the hopes are great in this Country and a new life begins.

Our constitutional President is General Gaspar Dutra. The democratic reorganization of the country is slowly

but steadily progressing. The new General Secretary for 1946 to 1949 is Tenente Armando Sales.

ALEIXO ALVES DE SOUZA,  
General Secretary.

## BULGARIA

During the year 1946 the Bulgarian Section, because of many

reasons, was not able to continue its work.

NIKOLA TRIFONOV,  
General Secretary.

## ICELAND

The Lodges in Reykjavik have had their weekly meetings with lectures, recitals, music and meditations, generally well attended. I directed a study-group as before, and gave some lectures on the Radio of the State. These public lectures receive good attention and even if they do not always deal with what might be called "direct Theosophy", I think they are useful and pave the way for Theosophical ideas.

We had three propaganda evenings in the Section's Hall, all well attended.

The magazine of the Society *Ganglari*, was issued as usual.

At the Annual Meeting, September 29th, I was re-elected General Secretary for the eleventh time. On Monday night the 30th I gave a public lecture on "The Gift of Truth."

This last year of work many members have shown their love and loyalty to the Society by presenting to it large sums of money, and so we have been able to get rid of our debts and consequently the financial condition of the Society has greatly improved. This last year we have many new members.

On the whole the future is promising.

GRETAR FELLS,  
General Secretary.

## SPAIN

No Report

## PORTUGAL

No Report

## WALES

*Twenty-fifth Annual Report for Twelve Months ended June 30, 1946.*—Last year we were able to record with deep thankfulness the end of the war in Europe, this year we rejoice to record the cessation of hostilities with Japan. Peace, however, is not yet with us, though we work towards this end. We work for the right relationship between individuals and between nations, for only so can true Peace be born and continue. Theosophy should help us to attain the understanding we need.

This year has seen the election of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa as President of the Theosophical Society, and we rejoice that our long-proved and valued friend will lead us in our work. We look forward to co-operating with him, and send him our loving greetings and best wishes for a happy term of office.

*Statistics.*—This year seven new members have joined the Society, two have rejoined, and eight have been transferred to Wales from the T.S. in England. Seven members have 'passed on', five have been transferred to the T.S. in England, and three have resigned, leaving 182 members now on our register as compared with 180 last year.

*National Headquarters.*—The work at Headquarters has been carried on as usual. We have been very pleased to welcome the few visitors from other National Societies who have been able to visit us, and we look forward to the time when greater facilities of travel and accommodation will allow many more to come. Cardiff Lodge has continued to hold public meetings every week, and since January 1st has been able to hold all of them in the Besant Hall, which has been of benefit to the work. Many meetings for members have also been held, these taking various forms—meditation, devotional meetings and study classes. We are

always pleased to welcome F.T.S. from other National Societies and other Lodges at these meetings. Great help has been given by our visiting speakers, and the talks and vital contacts have been much appreciated by both members and the public.

*National Library.*—The number of books borrowed during the year was 646, and 49 subscriptions were received—39 from members and 10 from non-members of the Society. Many of the books were sent by post. £4.9-1 was also received at 2d. per vol. per fortnight. Donations in cash amounted to 30s. and 32 books have been given to the Library. Nine new and 15 secondhand books were purchased. Cash in hand at the end of the year amounted to £43-11-8. A short list of books in the Library has been prepared by Mr. Bert Gill (South Wales Group Secretary), and this has been duplicated. It is available for anyone wishing to borrow books from the Library. We record our appreciation of Mr. Gill's help in this matter, and we also thank all those who have donated money or books.

*Twenty-fourth Annual Convention.*—This was held in Cardiff over the weekend of September 22-23, 1945, under the Presidentship of Mr. John Coats. Mr. Coats and Mr. Sidney Ransom were our guest-speakers, two public and two members' meetings being held. It was a great and inspiring time, and we record our grateful thanks to the two speakers. At the Annual Business Meeting it was announced that Miss E. M. Thomas had been re-elected General Secretary and Alderman R. G. Robinson re-elected National Treasurer for the year 1945-46. A full report of the Convention was printed in *News and Notes* for November-December, 1945, so it is not repeated here.

*National Treasurer.*—During the year under review our National Treasurer has been twice honoured. We have already congratulated him in *News and Notes* on being elected an Alderman of the City of Cardiff, and recently he has been elected President of the 'Association of Approved School Managers' for England and Wales. We again congratulate him, and rejoice that he has this added opportunity of service. Ald. Robinson has specialized in Approved School work and in Prison Reform, and no work is of greater importance to humanity.

*General Activities.*—During the year activities have been maintained in Cardiff, Colwyn Bay, Rhyl and Wrexham Lodges, and some meetings have been held in Swansea and Penarth. New ground has been broken at Cwmann, Aberdare. Cardiff Lodge and Colwyn Bay Lodge have both been especially active, and they provide live and vital centres for Theosophical work in, respectively, South and North Wales. Owing to the small number of members in Aberystwyth the Lodge has given up its Charter and has become a Centre. Llandudno Lodge has returned its Charter, and the members have been transferred to Colwyn Bay Lodge by their own desire, as they felt that it was better to join in the activities of the larger Lodge. We are sorry

to lose these two Lodges, and hope that at some future time they may apply for the return of their Charters. The Certificates of Bangor, Corwen, and Port Talbot Centres have been cancelled owing to there being no members in these places.

*Finance.*—The accounts for the year to June 30, 1946, have not been completed, but will be available to members at the Convention.

During the past year a further instalment has been paid towards the redemption of the mortgage, a new lease has been made for five years with an important tenant, and the deeds of the Headquarters' premises (which were formerly in the name of Mr. Peter Freeman as Trustee) have been transferred to the name of The Welsh Theosophical Trust, Ltd. This general settling of important matters will leave the future clear for constructive Theosophical work.

*Future Work.*—The world needs creative work along Theosophical lines more than anything else. May I appeal to members individually and to groups working as Lodges and Centres to each one do something, if only one thing, to spread Theosophical teachings and principles, and so help to build a new and better world.

EDITH M. THOMAS,  
*General Secretary.*

## POLAND

No Report owing to war conditions

## URUGUAY

No Report

## PUERTO RICO

The year 1945 that saw the end of the war and the beginning of the post-war period did not mark any change in the activities of the Lodges nor in the attitude of the public.

Some Lodges are far from offering an adequate response to the needs of the present hour of reconstruction. Others are swinging into line with renewed vigour.

The number of members stays more or less the same, which shows a failure to attract the public and especially the youthful element in the communities.

At the close of 1945 we had  
55 full quota members  
9 half " "  
13 excused fees

Total 77 active members.  
During the year 1 member died.  
New member 1.  
Active Lodges 7.

Evidently some change will have to be worked out in the presentation of Theosophy to meet the needs of the hour.

A. J. PLARD,  
*General Secretary.*

## RUMANIA

No report owing to war conditions

## YUGOSLAVIA

Enclosed I send you the Statistics Form and the List of the Branches and Centres for the year ending September 30th 1946.

The General Secretary is really honoured and privileged to send you in these difficult days his first Report of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia.

During the year we lost our two leaders : Mr. Ing. Bozidar Prikril, Vice-President of the Society, passing away January 31st 1946, and Miss Jelisava Vavra, the General Secretary of the Society, passing away June 6th 1946.

Our eighteenth Annual Convention was held in Zagreb, September 28th and 29th 1946. This was the first Convention without our last General Secretary, our dear sister Miss Jelisava Vavra, who was the real creator of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia. With her we lost our best co-worker in the Society and the greatest Theo-

sophist in Yugoslavia.

There were 37 public lectures, 518 lectures for the members, 41 socials, 2 concerts, 47 excursions and 122 visits. Our work was directed by the Divine Light and Power of Adyar.

Two Lodges were transferred to other towns : the Lodge Truth (Istina) from Zagreb to Beograd and the Lodge Surya from Zagreb to Maribor. The President of the Lodge Truth is Mrs. Mila Grubacevic in Beograd and the President of the Lodge Surya is Mr. Vladimir Munda in Maribor. Five Lodges were dissolved, since the members disappeared or were killed during the war.

Our membership decreased by 94 members. Three of them died, one was transferred to another Section and 182 resigned, disappeared, or were killed during the war ; 94 new members were admitted.

However the present position is : No. of members in 1945	...	253
"      "      "      "      1946	...	284
Increase	...	31
Active Lodges in 1946	...	13

The Order of Service continued its work and the chief Brother is still Mrs. Milena Sisic. The work of The Round Table was restarted and two meetings were held during the year.

The activity of the World Mother, was also restarted and during the year meetings were held in three towns. It promises success.

The Chief of the Round Table is Sister Mrs. Frida Deutsch, and the

Chief of the World Mother activity is Sister Mrs. Marjeta Dimec.

This year of work was very successful, strong and rich in impressions and experiences, discovering through them the aim of the Society in the World and our duty to them and to Adyar, our Centre of Spiritual Power and Wisdom.

PILTAVER ALOJZ,  
*General Secretary.*

## CEYLON

See under Presidential Agency

## GREECE

The work of our Lodges is proceeding regularly and we are about to start a series of public lectures to be held twice monthly in the Main Hall of the Archeological Society.

### Statistics—September 30th 1946 :

Total active Lodges	8
Membership in 1945	...
New Members	...
Losses	...
	—
Increase	...
	—
Total Membership	...
	—

The State Court has sanctioned our new Rules and Regulations and the General Assembly held a meeting accordingly on 25th January 1947, seventy-five members being present.

In this meeting approval was given to the Report presented by the Administrative Council on the general activities of the T.S. in Greece, fees for membership were fixed and the members proceeded to the election, by general balloting, of seven members intended to form the New Administrative Council together with the Presidents of the Lodges.

The new council for 1947 has been constituted as follows :

*General Secretary :* Cimon Prinaris  
*Assistant Gen. Secretary :* K. Melisaropoulos.

*Secretary :* A. Deliannis.

*Secretary for Foreign Correspondence :* Mme. I. Niscos.

*Treasurer :* Ch. Condiadis.

*Members of the Council :* T. Vratisanos; J. Charitos; A. Adrianopoulos;

Mme M. Candili ; G. Pefanis ; D. Calogeropoulos ; P. Chadjipetros ; P. Papasotiriou ; Mme. Cne Zariei ; Ch. Risopoulos.

*Assistant to Secretary for Foreign Correspondence* : Th. Michael.

*Librarian* : Miss A. Zannos.

Last December a Theosophical Bul-

letin was published and we hope henceforth to publish one regularly every two months.

The General Assembly has requested the Council to convey their greetings to the President of the Theosophical Society and to the Theosophical Society in Europe.

K. MELISSAROPOULAS,

*Jt. General Secretary*

C. PRINARIS,

*General Secretary.*

## CENTRAL AMERICA

The work of the Theosophical Society in the Central America and Panama Section has been carried on as usual. Although some Lodges do not show much vitality, others have worked more, if we take into consideration the results. There are twenty new members and six have been reinstated. We lost by death 2, and 9 were placed on the inactive list. This gives an increase of 15 members, the largest in the last five years.

One of the members who died was Sra Rosaura Lopez Alvarez, President of the "Eucaras" Lodge in Managua, who passed away in April, just a little after she wrote to me about her desire to reorganize the work in that Lodge, as she was then feeling much better in health ; the other member who died also in April, was Dr. Francisco Buitrago Diaz, who was Vice-President of *Pratibha* Lodge, also in Managua. He had been in charge of several important official positions in Nicaragua. On an official visit to Honduras he helped to found the *Subirana* Lodge. Four years ago, with his wife, he visited Costa Rica, and attended some of our meetings in *Virya* Lodge. He was a very devoted member of the Society.

Guatemala, Salvador and Nicaragua report that New Centres are in course of formation. There are a number of

people everywhere interested in the Theosophical teachings, but who seem to be afraid to attend the regular Lodge meetings, although ready to go to a private home to get all the information they require. In this way the Truth will, little by little, pervade the whole world.

*Luz* Lodge in Panama has almost doubled its membership to 17, whereas last year it was 9. Now they are working to see how to build a house for the Lodge. Land has been given, but the cost of building is now very high. We need to help them with our thoughts at least !

*Teotl* and *Gnosis* have gained 5 members each, and *Shakti* 3. *Shakti* is a Lodge of young Theosophists which was founded by Mr. Jinarājadāsa in 1938, in his last trip, and the Lodge work has continued working steadily. As all the founders have reached the limit age for Young Theosophists which is 30 years, they have left, most of them studying out of the country and now all the members of the Lodge are new.

The new President of *Virya* Lodge, Don José Joaquin Ulloa, is a very capable and enthusiastic worker, and aided by the Elder Brethren, has done good work.

Don Roberto Brenes Messen was officially invited this year to visit San Salvador and so he had a chance to

talk with the members of *Teotl* Lodge and give them a lecture.

A social charitable work has been established this year in San José, Costa Rica, under the name of *Las Damas Blancas*. This is a group of ladies who visit the hospitals to help the

patients in any difficulty, to talk to them of their families, to write letters and to give information. Miss Esther de Mezerville is at the head of this work.

LYDIA FERNÁNDEZ JIMÉNEZ,  
General Secretary.

## PARAGUAY

See under Presidential Agency

## PERU

### Statistical Details :

Active Lodges	8
New Centres	2
Centres dissolved	0

### Membership 1946 :

New	111	Resignations	40
Readmission	0	Death	0
Transfer	0	Lapsed and transferred	0
	<b>Gain</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>Loss</b>
			<b>40</b>

**Net gain 71.**

Total Active last report	171
Increase	71
	<b>Total</b>
	<b>242</b>

## PHILIPPINES

### No Report owing to war conditions

## COLOMBIA

The abnormal conditions produced by the international events of the war affected the growth of our Society in this country in a very definite way. Economic conditions limited our activities and were the principal cause of the fact that many members failed to

pay their annual dues, and by their ceasing to be active members this brought about the dissolution of four Lodges.

There are many factors which conspire against the Theosophical movement in this country, the principal

being the constant attacks of the Roman Catholic clergy and the press, by sermons in the churches and threats and excommunications against those who profess ideas distinct from those of Roman Catholicism. An education directed almost entirely by the religious communities, has created, in the course of generations, certain mental complexes which keep the people imprisoned within a limited and aggressive sectarianism. Frequently there appear in the newspapers calumnious statements concerning our Founders, which we cannot correct in the press since the newspapers, which call themselves liberal, refuse to publish the corrections for fear of ecclesiastical censure.

There are innumerable organizations which, under the name of Rosicrucian, are offering the public misleading and cunning suggestions which tendentiously try to give their activities a

spiritualistic character by inserting in their publications adulterated theosophical teachings.

It is on the basis of the courageous conviction of the few that we have carried on this Movement for 25 years in this country, and been able to keep the flag of Theosophy flying, by the constant efforts of the founder of the Movement here, the present General Secretary.

The existing Lodges number 14, and the total membership 189; there are also two Centres in process of formation, with 11 members.

Through our official organ the *Revista Teosofica Colombiana* we hope to maintain contacts with all the national Sections in the world.

RAMÓN MARTÍNEZ,

*General Secretary.*

RECENTLY, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, EQUALITY, AND FREEDOM. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, EQUALITY, AND FREEDOM.

## PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES AND NON-SECTIONALIZED LODGES

### EGYPT

The year under review—the first after the complexities that the war created for us—has not brought substantial progress in our work.

During the war we organized some propaganda for the Forces and we attracted to us Theosophists and sympathizers from other countries who happened to be here. This is how we contacted American, Australian, British, New Zealand, Polish, Yugoslavs, and other Theosophists.

These members of the Forces, although only passing through, gave life to our rooms. Now all these visitors have left the country so that we again turn our efforts to reach those of the local element to whom our teachings may appeal.

Our activities during the season 1945-46 have consisted in regular Lodge meetings once every week from October to May—a few public lectures and an attempt at a weekly open meeting for sympathizers.

But, although these activities seem to be appreciated by those concerned, our efforts to spread Theosophy in this country are handicapped by various causes.

The number of people interested in the study of Theosophy, here, is, alas, very small. Of course we assume part of the responsibility for our inability to obtain more adherents to our cause, but we have to overcome difficulties in our work which are special to this part of the world.

Modern Egypt seems a country where the Theosophical seed encounters vast and deep difficulties; in spite of all endeavours we are not progress-

ing and we are simply marking time without any real response. Ninety-five percent of the population is Muslim with a large proportion of Arab and has no leaning towards Theosophy and in fact no need for it, living their own religion which is based on fraternity, although Islamic fraternity. The million odd of Egyptian Christians or Copts are generally speaking—in spite of few exceptions—not attracted by Theosophical ideas. The remainder of the population, Europeans, Levantines and Egyptianized Europeans and Levantines, represents perhaps a dozen different nations with different outlooks on life and different ideals, mostly materialistic ideals. They can be divided chiefly into two sections, one—by far the greater—of church people, and the other of *esprits forts*, both adverse to our teachings.

People here—generally speaking—attach much more importance to business interests, than to ideas and principles. We also have to face another great difficulty: that of the language. We hold our meetings in French or/and in English, as these are the main foreign languages spoken by the population of the country. Arabic is the main language of the country. We tried to organize meetings in Arabic for Egyptians, but in spite of an enthusiastic first meeting, members and sympathizers of this would-be group disappeared as rapidly as they came!

Our French-speaking Lodge—the only one really active—is composed of Egyptians, Copts, Syrians, Greeks, Italians, Central Europeans, one Palestinian and one Russian. Among our

members there is scarcely a Frenchman or an Englishman!

If to this you add our long summer vacation due to the intense heat and to the fact that the majority of our members go away during the summer months, you will have the main reasons of our small success.

Very probably also we have neither the men nor the proper organization to give to the newcomers what they seek when they come to us.

Our Library is our only real asset; but during the war we could not keep it well provided, owing to various restrictions. Now that these are being removed, one after the other, we are trying to complete it.

But what we need most is some outside help in the way of earnest workers, experienced organizers, able to give the necessary time to this work and its propaganda, in all its different aspects.

Actual conditions seem to indicate that we have to look at the situation as if we have to close the chapter of the past, liquidate it, so to say, see what material remains of this by-gone period of our history, take stock of it and start a fresh, new beginning with the new actual conditions in view, planning according to them and trying to put the plan in practice. Our methods of work at the Lodge, propaganda to the outer world, our literature, have to be adapted to the new conditions if we are to be of any use to our fellow-

men and progress in our activities. We have to consider seriously what part our Theosophical ideas and organization played or failed to play in the world drama whose prologue seems to have been the first great war and whose first act only, seems to be this ghastly destruction which took place during 1939-45. What of the successive acts!

Contrary to what many expected, that the end of this war would mean the end of cruelty, misery, injustice and tragedy, the confusion in which we are living may lead to even further inhumanity . . . if . . . the leaders of the nations and their élite fail to see that the real remedy to all this confusion is the fraternization of all humanity with the other kingdoms of nature.

How can Theosophy and the Theosophical Society help in a more practical way the world at this junction? I feel that we ought to consider deeply this point and I hope that our answer as to this *how* will be the object of our efforts in this near future.

In spite of these difficulties we do not despair, we go on doing our small bit hoping for better results in the future, but we need encouragement and suggestions to help us to see clearly our way ahead and so improve our position and our use to the world.

J. H. PEREZ,  
Presidential Agent.

## CEYLON

Reverted to Presidential Agency, 1946. New Lodge *Lanka* formed in Colombo.

## PARAGUAY

We regret to announce the death of Bro. William Paats, Presidential Agent for Paraguay.

## CANADIAN FEDERATION

Early in October Hermes Lodge held a rally of old members. A musical programme was enjoyed, and later refreshments were served. Many old members turned out for this event. Two lectures were given in October, one by Mrs. Marjorie Peebles and the other by Mrs. Edith Chesman of Victoria, B. C. Mrs. Chesman is an old member of Hermes Lodge and very kindly visits us twice a year to lecture from our platform.

For our members' study this season we are taking the book "Self Culture in the Light of Occultism," by I. K. Taimni.

North Vancouver Lodge reports that meetings are again being held in the home of the President, Mrs. Baxter. Wayfarer's Lodge held its annual Election of Officers on Oct. 1st. Mr. L. H. D. Roberts was elected as President, Mr. Ernst Bourt, Secretary, Mr. Wallace Munroe, Vice-President and Mrs. Mary Hatch, Federation Councillor.

## Membership

Lodges	...	...	...	7
New members	...	...	...	9

ELSIE S. GRIFFITHS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## BRITISH EAST AFRICA

## KRISHNA LODGE, ZANZIBAR

There were 35 active members on the roll at the beginning of the year. One member has resigned while one who had been to India, has come back and paid up the dues. The strength of membership therefore remains unchanged.

*Meetings.*—During the year, regular Lodge meetings were held on Sunday evenings. Bharat Samaj Puja Vidhan was performed every Sunday morning.

*Activities.*—Monthly journal *Saurabh* is progressing well and we have been able to enlist the support of veteran Theosophists like Bro. Harjivan Kalidas Mehta, Sant Sitaramji, Bro. Hiralal Chotalal Baxi and others.

Now that there are seven Lodges in East Africa, the forming of an East African Section is under consideration, whereby we hope the tie of relations between the members of different Lodges will be strengthened.

H. D. SHAH,  
Secretary.

## NAIROBI LODGE

## Membership :

In the beginning of the year	...	33
New members	...	—

	33
On Roll as at 31st October, 1946	33

## Activities :

(a) Weekly Study Classes were held on every Monday from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The books studied were :

- (1) Hints on the study of *The Bhagavad Gita*.
- (2) Raja Yoga by Swami Vivekananda.
- (3) Inspiring portions from lives of Bhaktas.

(b) Weekly meetings were held on every Thursday from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. where the Hon. Mr. S. G. Amin, Bar. at Law, President of the E.A.I.N. Congress (Member of the Legislative Council of Kenya) spoke on *Viveka Chudamani* of Swami Shankaracharya. Mr. Amin, although

not a member of our Society takes keen interest in Philosophy and our activities. He obliged us by giving unhesitatingly his most valuable time at our request. His lectures were much appreciated and well attended by other than members also.

(c) *Bharat Samaj Puja*.—On the 1st Sunday of each month, the puja was performed and all the members and well-wishers who attended enjoyed it.

(d) *White Lotus Day*.—8th May 1946 was celebrated in accordance with the wishes of Madam Blavatsky, *viz.*, reading of a passage from (a) *Light of Asia* (b) *Bhagwad Gita* (c) *Voice of the Silence*. Some members spoke on her inspiring life also.

(e) *Vesaku*.—Vaishakhi was celebrated on the 16th May, 1946. The Secretary spoke on Lord Buddha's life and gave a description of the ceremony performed in Tibet by Lord Maitreya and other members of the Hierarchy on this auspicious day at the time of Full Moon. On this very day the British Cabinet Mission in India declared new proposals for long and short term Governments of India. Members therefore prayed to Lord Buddha to inspire Indian Leaders to accept the proposals and that Britain and India may be tied together with the bond of Goodwill and Co-operation. As the proposals were declared on this auspicious day it was considered to be a good augury of new era in India.

(f) *Asala*.—Ashadha Full Moon was celebrated by Guru-Puja when Vedic Mantras were chanted and about Rs. 5/- were collected from members as "Guru-Dakshina". This amount was sent to the President at Adyar to use it where he thought fit. The Akhyan of Lord Buddha was performed, in which the first sermon (Dharm Chakra Pravartan) was included.

*Miscellaneous*.—Pandit Rishi Ram, the well known lecturer of "Gandhi

Tagore Lectureship Trust" of South Africa visited this country also and a lecture on the "Inner Self" was arranged by our Lodge. It was a most successful lecture and the spacious hall of "Patel Brotherhood" was packed beyond capacity.

Our members are working in almost all the institutions (Religious, Social and Political) of Nairobi, the Capital of Kenya and thereby trying to spread "Theosophy" indirectly by their selfless service according to their understanding.

Occasionally we hold meetings for Bhajans and meditations and arrange picnics where thoughts are exchanged with each other, take part in activities beneficial to all sections of the communities.

In this country our knowledge is limited, as books cannot impart all the knowledge which to my mind can be given by the learned one who is sitting face to face. We are therefore in great need of a Theosophical Lecturer, but most of us being of the Clerical Class cannot bear the financial burden. But if any Theosophist of standing visits South Africa and/or is passing through this country, we shall be very much indebted to him if he would stay for a few days here and lecture in the principal towns of East Africa.

Our Lodge is now 28 years old and this town being the biggest of all the towns in East Africa and the centre in respect of Government, political, social and religious activities, a building of our own is very essential. Further, in this town, races of all communities of the world reside and therefore our membership could be increased, if we could have our own building, where classes and meetings in different languages could be held. At present we are holding meetings in "Gujarati" only, as we do not wish to be burdensome to the courtesy of our Treasurer Mr. C. R. Patel who has very kindly allowed us to use his quarters for our Lodge

meetings. If we have our own building, our Library could be well furnished with the latest publications and also thrown open to the General Public, which at present cannot be done, owing to lack of space. We sincerely hope God will help us in this matter some

day. We should be too pleased to accept a donation commemorating some beloved one's memory, if any member in this country or elsewhere wishes to donate.

H. M. CHHAYA,  
*Secretary.*

### SINGAPORE LODGE, MALAYA

With the return of some of its old members and new workers from Adyar, the Singapore Lodge has been the scene of intense activity this year. There are three regular meetings every week, Thursdays being Public Meetings, when people of different creeds and races meet to exchange their views of life in an understanding and brotherly manner, Sundays being Members only meetings which are also well attended, while every Tuesday there is a study class.

Apart from these official Lodge activities, members take part in allied activities, such as the Ritual of the Mystic Star, while another group has recently formed a Vegetarian Society which is the first in the history of Malaya.

A Young Theosophist Group has also just been started. The formation of a Committee to propagate Theosophy throughout Malaya has been launched with encouraging results. Kuala Lumpur Lodge has been helped to re-establish itself, while Lodges have been started in Klang and Penang.

Should this growth continue it is the aim to form a Malayan Section which would no doubt considerably assist in uniting the different races throughout Malaya in bonds of brotherhood.

During the year under review 62 members have joined Singapore Lodge. The present membership stands now at 77.

Singapore is fortunately so situated that many members of the Theosophical Society travelling to the East and Australia pass here, and we are always very happy to welcome them. In this way we had the privilege to meet Mr. Sri Ram on his way to Australia who gave a very inspiring talk during the few hours of his short stay here. Also we have had visits from Mr. Davidge, Prof. del Bocca and many other friends. We are looking forward to meeting many others, as in this way our Lodge keeps well in touch with our worldwide Society.

CHAN CHIM LIM,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### EUROPEAN FEDERATION

During the past year, the Federation has been concerned chiefly with what may be called the second phase of the rehabilitation work in Europe—that of co-ordinating the earlier emergency work in many Sections and of helping

in the re-opening of the remaining groups that were accessible.

*Gammel Praestgaard.*—The establishment of the residential centre at Gammel Praestgaard, Fyn, Denmark, together with a Theosophical Fund

for the North, has had an excellent effect in drawing the Scandinavian Sections together. A successful Summer School was held there in July.

*Huizen.*—The European Federation held a conference at Huizen in August, well attended by members from abroad and this marked a new step forward in the post war period.

*Rukmini Devi's Visit to Europe* between August 11 and December 8 greatly stimulated the work in *Holland, England, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, France and Switzerland*; she delivered many lectures and contacted the members everywhere.

*Theosophy in Action* and *L'Action Théosophique* continue to do good work in spreading news of Federation activities, reporting important speeches by visiting members of distinction, and keeping the Sections in touch with each other. Rising costs of printing make the work difficult on the financial side.

*Book Distribution.*—The work of book distribution goes steadily ahead. France and Belgium have been helped to build up a full file of *The Theosophist* for their records. Similar files are waiting for dispatch to Austria and Germany. This has entailed a vast amount of collecting and sorting. New books up to the value of \$ 41 have been sent to 7 Sections. A basic library list has been drawn up and a large number of second hand books, given for the purpose, have been used to complete libraries of Sections.

*Distress Relief Work.*—The War Distress Relief Committee continues to coordinate the distribution of relief to members all over Europe, so far as possible.

*Looking ahead.*—The work of the Federation for the next year will centre around the *Round Table Conference*, followed by a *Workers' Week* open to all members, and the *visit of the President* for which preparations are already in full swing. At the meeting of the European Federation

Council the problems confronting the Federation can be fully discussed.

As at present envisaged they are two-fold :

1. *Problems of organization* which include the actual relationship of the Federation to the Sections and their willingness to delegate to the Federation certain functions that might well be organized from a common centre, such as arrangements of lecture tours, summer schools for groups using a common language, and the publication of literature useful to more than one Section. The need here is for the Federation to take over only that which can better be done under the direction of a committee representing all Sections concerned, while leaving to each Section its fullest freedom and full responsibility to conduct its own affairs. Printing presents many problems, including those of copyrights already established, exchange, etc. All this must be carefully weighed and nothing done without consent. On the other hand, some co-ordination of printing and of summer schools for language groups will be an obvious advantage.

2. *The enhancement of a new European consciousness through the spread of Theosophy.*—The development of regional co-ordination and regional consciousness seems to be in line with the growth that is taking place in the world at large. Theosophical pioneers may be led to open channels for its freer growth. The vision of Europe as one great organism within the larger body of the World State can do nothing but good for the evolution of world peace. The work of the Federation is seen as fostering this vision, through the medium of spreading the Theosophical teachings far and wide in each Section, and every means will be used to further this fundamental purpose.

6-12-1946

J. E. VAN DISSEL,  
General Secretary.

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ADYAR, MADRAS

1946

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# THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945-1946

## I

During the year under report I have continued as Director with Mr. A. J. Hamerster as Joint Director and Curator for Western Section and Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M. A., D. Phil (Oxon.) as Curator for the Eastern Section. Mrs. F. J. W. Halsey continued as Librarian till 17-2-47 when her services were transferred to the Leadbeater Chambers and Mrs. A. H. Peterson took charge as the new Librarian.

*Special Editors.*—An important item of work completed during the year by Dr. E. W. Adikaram, M.A., Ph. D., our Honorary Editor for Pali, is the cataloguing of all Pali manuscripts in Sinhalese script presented to the President-Founder by Mrs. Illangakoon. The contributions of Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri embodying the results of his Research studies in Chinese and Tibetan Literatures continue to be published through the *Bulletin*. Owing to the heavy pressure on our Press, the publication of the *Sālistambhasūtra* edited by him has been delayed, but it is hoped to publish the work in the course of the next year. For the same reason, the third part of the *Saṅgratnākara* edited by the late Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri remains to be published during the course of the year. Other works similarly held up are:

(1) *Āsvalāyanagrhya-sūtra* with the Commentaries of Devasvāmi and Nārāyaṇa, Vol. II—edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha, (2) *Caturdasalakṣaṇī*, Vols. 2 and 3, (3) *Pakṣatā*, (4) *Sāmānyanirukti*, (5) *Siddhāntalakṣaṇam*, (6) *Avayava*, and (7) *Vyutpattivāda* of Gadādhara with Commentaries—edited by Pandit

N. Santanam Aiyar, and (8) *Sāiva* and (9) *Sākta Upaniṣads* and (10) *Ten Major Upaniṣads*—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and G. Srinivasa Murti.

Sri T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar passed away on 20-10-46. An obituary note about him was published in the Bulletin, Vol. X, part 1, pp. 69-72.

## II

*Eastern Section.*—Pandit V. Krishnamacharya was mainly engaged in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts, Vol. VI, Vyākaraṇa section and passing the same through the press. He also edited the *Unmattarāghava* of Virūpākṣa during the period under review. A tabular statement of the work for the triennium ending with 30-9-46 is given under *Annexure 1*.

Mr. H. G. Narahari was engaged in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of the Kāvya section of the Library. During the period of this report he has described 106 manuscripts. A statement of the work for the triennium ending with 30-9-46 is shown under *Annexure 2*.

Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri continued to be in charge of the section for transcription, comparison and restoration of manuscripts for the Library. During the period under review, he also acquired, with the help of Dr. E. W. Adikaram, a knowledge of reading and transcribing from Sinhalese script. A statement of the work of this pandit for the triennium ending with 30-9-46 is given under *Annexure 3*.

Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma was mainly engaged in assisting Pandit V. Krishnamacharya in the completion of the Descriptive Catalogue and in assisting in Prof. C. Kunhan Raja in editing the *Prākṛtāprakāśa* and doing other work assigned to him from time to time. The Accession and Shelf Registers of Books and Manuscripts were transferred to the charge of the Librarian Mrs. A. H. Peterson. A statement of the work of this pandit for the corresponding triennium ending with 30-9-46 is printed as *Annexure 4*.

Pandit N. Ramachandra Bhatt has continued to copy manuscripts for the Library as well as for outside orders. He assisted Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts for the Dharma-sāstra section of the Library and also in the collation of manuscripts for the works edited for the Library. A statement of his work from the date of his entertainment as a permanent member of the staff on 1-5-45 to 30-9-46 is contained in *Annexure 5*.

### III

#### Publications :

##### A. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED DURING THE YEAR ENDING WITH 30TH SEPTEMBER 1946

1. *Philosophy of Visistādvaita*—by P. N. Srinivasachari, Second Edition—Adyar Library Series No. 39.
2. *Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣads*—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and G. Srinivasa Murti—Adyar Library Series No. 52.
3. *Nyāyakusumāñjali* of Udayanācārya—Translated into English by Svami Ravi Tirtha—Adyar Library Series No. 53.
4. *Prākṛtāprakāśa* of Vararuci with the Commentary of Rama Pāṇivāda—Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja and K. Ramachandra Sarma. (Adyar Library Series No. 54).

##### B. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED BETWEEN 1ST OCTOBER 1946 AND THE DATE OF THIS REPORT

*Sphoṭavāda* of Nāgeśa—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya with his own Commentary. Adyar Library Series No. 55.

*Cradle of Indian History*—by Rao Bahadur C.R. Krishnamacharlu. (Adyar Library Series No. 56).

*Unmattarāghava* of *Virūpākṣa*—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya. Adyar Library Series No. 57.

Pamphlet—*Dharmacāuryarasāyanam*—Edited by H. G. Narahari.

##### C. WORKS IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE PRESS

*Rgvedavyākhyā* of Mādhava—Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

*Horā-sāstra*—Edited by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar with his own Commentary *Apūrvārtha-pradarsikā*.

*Sālistambha-sūtra*—Edited by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

*Āpastambasmr̄ti*—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

*Saṅgītaratnākara* of Sāṅgadeva, Vol. II—Translated into English—by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

*Descriptive Catalogue of Pali Manuscripts in the Adyar Library* by Dr. E. W. Adikaram.

*Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library*, Vol. VI—Chandas, Kosa and Vyākaraṇa—by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

*Jīvānandanam* of Ānandarayamakhi—Edited by Vaidyaratna Pandit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar with his own Commentary.

##### D. WORKS COMPLETED AND READY FOR THE PRESS

*Caturdaśalakṣaṇī* with Commentaries, Vols. 2 and 3—Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

*Saṅgitaratnākara* with the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla—Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanyam Sastri, Vol. 3.

*Āsvalāyangṛhyasūtra* with the Commentaries of Devasvāmin and Nārāyaṇa Vol. 2—edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha.

*Pakṣatā* of Gadādhara with Commentaries—Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

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#### E. WORKS UNDER PREPARATION

*Saṅgitaratnākara*—Translated into English, Vol. 2, by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

*A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library*, by H. G. Narahari. Vol. V—Poetry, Drama and Poetics.

*Gautamasmyti*—edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

*Nyāyakusumāñjali* of Udayanācārya with the Commentary of Varadarāja. Edited by Prof. Kunhan Raja.

*Viṣṇusmṛti* with the Commentary Vaijayantī of Nanda Pandita—Edited by Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

*Kālādarsa* of Āditya Bhaṭṭa—Edited by Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

#### IV

In July 1946 the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Adyar Library

were consolidated for administrative convenience, and all books and manuscripts, whether in Oriental or European scripts, were brought into a single Accession Register, thus doing away with the many types of serial numbers (Eastern, Pamphlet, Book, MS.) and bringing all accessions under a continuous numeration. At the same time serial number registers were installed, for ready reference to and from the date of accession.

But what will be of greater interest to the reading public is the classification that has begun of the 10,000 and odd "Eastern" books. First, all these books were divided into their various languages (Samskr̄t, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Persian, Gujarati, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, Malayalam, Chinese, Sinhalese, Burmese, Siamese and Pali). The first work was the classification and cataloguing by Dr. Adikaram of Ceylon of the Pali works. As they were all on one subject—Buddhism, they were separated according to their various scripts and a catalogue of these works in Sinhalese, Burmese, Siamese, and Devanāgarī will soon be available for the public. The Buddhist works in English are now side by side with these original texts, a convenience to students of Buddhism.

The Curator for the Eastern Section, then made a classification of Hinduism into some one hundred divisions which have been given the number H. 1 to H. 100. For example, H. 9 is the *Rāmāyaṇa*, H. 7 the *Bhagavad-Gītā*, and so on. All works on Hinduism will eventually find their way into these categories and the Samskr̄t works are now being so subdivided under the direction of Mr. Kunjunni Raja, (an honorary worker of the Library) assisted by the Library staff. One by one the smaller language libraries are being classified under a simple scheme made by the Librarian :

1 is used for Statecraft (Political Science, Socialism, etc.)

- 2 is Education (Yoga, Self-Unfoldment, etc.)
- 3 „ Philosophy
- 4 „ Communication (Linguistics, Symbolism, etc.)
- 5 „ Science (Material, Physiological, Psychological)
- 6 „ Religion (Bhakti, Mysticism, etc.)
- 7 „ Art (with subdivisions for the various arts.)

The colon indicates not a subject but a language. For example: K: 7. M. would indicate a book of music in Kannada. K: 5. 3 would indicate some book on psychology in Kannada. The Kannada library is almost completed, thanks to the aid of Dr. Kamath. Mr. Prabhakar Mehta assisted in the classification of the Gujarati books. Mr. Mohan Kokar has done the preliminary steps for the building of a Hindi, Hindustani, and Urdu library, and Mr. V. N. Bhargava, assisted by Mr. Vaswani and Mr. B. N. Bhargavā of the Persian books. These preliminary steps are the writing in each book of the English transliteration and translation of title, the author, and/or editor, and/or compiler, the publisher, date published, and subject, thus making the subsequent reclassification a matter of detail. Cross-reference registers are kept on every subject, so that anyone knowing the previous number of a book can quickly find the new number, but since the classification is bringing all works of a similar type together, thus making all works more readily available, the cross-reference registers are seldom used. For example, all dictionaries, grammars, and books on linguistics, have been rearranged into an aisle of language history, the various languages finding their place by the approximate dates of their origin. The would-be student of a certain language has only to go a particular shelf to find all books that will assist him in his study. Within a few months a student of any particular country will be able to find

all books on his country together in a Section called "The World." As this division is completely geographical, the smallest or largest unit can be found with ease. The Republic of San Marino finds its geographical home as easily as the extensive Continents of America. Three great aisles on Indology are being built up.

Science has also been regrouped from the alphabetical arrangement into a numerical one which gives Numbers 1 to 9 to Material and Cosmological Sciences; Numbers 10 to 19 Biological Sciences (Plants and Animals); Numbers 20 to 29 (Biological Sciences, Man); Numbers 30 to 39 (Psychological Sciences); Numbers 40 to 49 Psychic Research; Numbers 50 to 59 Legal, Political, and Social Sciences. The expedient of the overriding number was adopted in lieu of a complete renumbering of every book, a very slow procedure that must wait its time until more urgent work is finished. Eventually all works of fiction, drama, biography, Theosophy, science, etc. will have as shelf number not only the subject but three letters of the author's and three letters of the title name shown, thus bringing together all books of any author on a given subject and enabling an almost complete alphabetical classification of such works. For example new books are being given such labels as *Dr. Gal. 2. Sho. 1* which stands for Galsworthy's dramatic work *The Show*. Such classification almost obviates the need of a catalogue or index to find a book, given a knowledge of its subject, for if a prospective borrower asked for Galsworthy's Drama *The Show* the number would be obvious and could at once be found on the shelves.

A complete title index file is now being made for each language, authors being all consolidated into one author file, regardless of language. A subject file has already been in operation and is maintained.

The classification of an Almirah of very rare works in Greek, Latin, German, French, and English, dating from 1488 has been begun by the Mr. Henri van Zeijst and will be continued in his future visits to Adyar.

The total number of books added during the year is 719 volumes, 117 pamphlets and 2 manuscripts. Of these, 645 volumes and 117 pamphlets were presented; 42 volumes were bought and 32 volumes received in exchange. In view of the continuance of the restrictions on the supply of paper, we have to adhere to practice of publishing only the list of manuscripts added during the year under *Annexure 7*. Publishing a full list of all the additions made during the year has still to remain suspended. A List of Donors is shown in *Annexure 8*.

## V

*Use of the Library.*—The number of Visitors for the year under report was 14,087, Books and Manuscripts borrowed 3,857 and Books and Manuscripts consulted 9,879.

## VI

*Exchanges.*—I am thankful to the various institutions and journals that continue to maintain exchange relationship with the Library. I further hope that literary activities suspended on account of the war will find adequate channels of expression and usefulness in the near future.

## VII

*Donations.*—Two special donations were received during the year under report. One was from Mr. H. Frei for Rs. 1000/- which has been credited to the 'Building Fund' of the Library. A further sum of Rs. 832-12-3 was

received from the estate of the late Miss E. A. de la Cherois Crommelin and this has been added to the 'Endowment Fund' of the Library. Including this instalment a total sum of Rs. 7772-8-2 has been received from the estate till 30-9-46. For these donors we tender our grateful thanks.

## VIII

*Our New President.*—On 17th February 1946 Sri C. Jinarājadāsa was declared duly elected and assumed office as President of the Theosophical Society. The Library welcomed the new President in the *Brahmavidyā*—Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. X part 2, pp. 87-9.

## IX

*Acknowledgments.*—I have great pleasure in recording my most grateful thanks to all my colleagues in the Library. I am particularly grateful to Mr. A. J. Hamerster, Joint Director and Curator of the Western Section, Prof. C. Kunhan Raja M.A., D.Phil. (Oxon), Curator, Eastern Section, Mrs. F. J. W. Halsey who worked as Librarian till 17-2-47, Mrs. A. H. Peterson the present Librarian and others who have helped the Librarian in an honorary capacity in cataloguing books. I also record my most grateful thanks to our Honorary Editors Dr. E. W. Adikaram, Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri, Vaidyaratna Pandit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar and Sri A. N. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar for the services they continue to render to the Library. To the institutions and Governments which continue to send their publications to the Library I tender my most grateful thanks.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,  
25th March 1947, Hony. Director.

## STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS

## ANNEXURE I

## V. KRISHNAMACHARYA

	1943-1944	1944-1945	1945-1946
Descriptive Catalogue-Manuscripts Examined	...	2000*	750*
Descriptive Catalogue-Slips prepared Do. Slips revised	...	450*	500 MSS.
Descriptive Catalogue, Vol. VI.- proof passed. pp.	...	88*	184*
Literary Contributions (Manuscript Notes)	...	3	2
Alphabetical Index-proof passed. pp.	...	88*	...
Prepared Commentary on Sphoṭavāda and corrected proofs. pp.	32	120	12 (index)
Miscellaneous Information supplied Unmattarāghava—press copy prepared. pp.	...	100 MSS.	...
	...	...	60*

## ANNEXURE II

## H. G. NARAHARI

Literary Contributions (Manuscript Notes)	...	6	On other duty being awarded a Fellowship in the Sanskrit Dept. of the Madras University	4
Reviews to the Bulletin	...	4	...	1
Manuscripts described for Descriptive Catalogue	...	60	5	106
Manuscripts Revised	...	26	...	...

## ANNEXURE III

## V. NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

Printed books Catalogued	...	109	...	...
Cards Indexed	...	484	...	...
Labels prepared	...	642	...	...
Do. Cancelled	...	45	...	...
Granthas copied	...	12400	11850	11600
Do. Compared	...	16791	47380	60510
Palm Leaf Manuscripts listed with Tags	3 MSS. & 52 tags	...	...	...

\*The Star indicates assistance rendered by Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma to Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

Paper Manuscripts listed and Registered	45	...	...
Estimates for orders for Transcripts	13	50525	23200
Books and Manuscripts numbered	167	...	...
Granthas checked for payment of of Bills	20285	...	...
Office References	56	17	...
Proofs corrected. pp.	176	...	...
Loan Slips prepared and cancelled after scrutiny	45	15	25

## ANNEXURE IV

## K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

No. of Manuscripts Examined for Cataloguing Work	...	2000*	500*
Proof corrected. pp.	24*	184*	320*
Assisted in the preparation of Descriptive Slips	600*	450*	...
Alphabetical Index-proof passed. pp.	88*	...	...
Prākṛtaprakāśa-Index prepared	...	...	pages 80
Unmattarāghava-press copy	...	...	„ 30*
Manuscripts Examined for office correspondence	...	75	150

## ANNEXURE V

## N. RAMACHANDRA BHATT

Granthas copied	...	13146	19279
Do. compared for Library and outside orders	...	50834	1,17,091†
Assisted in the Examination of Descriptive Catalogue Work for Dharma Sāstra—No. of Manuscripts examined	...	...	52†

## ANNEXURE VI

## A. N. KRISHNA AIYANGAR

No. of Manuscripts Examined for Descriptive Catalogue Work	...	...	52†
No. of granthas compared for Editing Work	...	...	51000†

\*The Star indicates the assistance given to Pandit V. Krishnamacharya by Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

† Assisted Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar and Pandit V. Narayanaswamy Sastri.

‡ Received assistance from Pandit N. Ramachandara Bhatt,

## ANNEXURE VII

LIST OF TRANSCRIPTS ADDED 1945-46

Kenopaniṣadbhāṣyavyākhyā—Nilakanṭha-Acc. No. 38103  
Subhadrāharanākāvyavivarana—Nārāyaṇa " 38104

## ANNEXURE VIII

DONORS OF BOOKS DURING THE YEAR 1945-46

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa ; Miss Palmer's Estate ; Mr. I. K. Taimini ; Mr. C. N. Stewart ; Mr. H. R. Hinman and Mr. W. I. Battin ; Mr. N. Sri Ram ; Anthroposophical Society Foundation ; T. S. Lodge Voluntad, Argentina ; Dr. J. H. Cousins ; Mr. G. R. Yewoo ; Mr. D. W. Dodwell ; Mr. N. S. Pathak ; U.S.A. Office, War Information, Bombay ; Covina T. S., California ; Mr. H. Nt. V. D. Poll ; Miss I. M. Prest ; Mrs. F. J. W. Halsey ; Mr. A. J. Hamerster ; Mr. N. A. Naganathan for T. S. Burma ; Swami Narayanananda ; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chase ; Miss Phyllis Cambell ; Mr. J. L. Davidge ; Univ. of Missouri ; C. Woldringh's Estate ; Mrs. A. H. Peterson ; New Zealand T. S. ; Mr. S. H. Thabuala ; Estate of Miss E. F. Pinchin ; Mr. M. C. Bhagat ; Mr. K. P. Thakkar ; J. Elanor Stakesby-Lewis ; Leadbeater Chambers ; World Univ. Library from Madanapalle College ; A. Khasturya ; A. K. Sitarama Sastriyar's Estate ; Bahai Movement of India and Burma ; Laksman Raghunath Gokhale ; Press Department through Mr. J. L. Davidge ; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Elmore ; Dr. Hamid Ali ; Sri. Uma Devi ; Dr. G. S. Arundale's Estate ; Gemini Studios ; Mr. Duncan Greenlees ; Mr. J. Allen Boone ; Dr. E. W. Adikaram ; Mr. William Greenwood ; Miss Rie Vreeswijk ; Mrs. Sadie Stave ; The American Consulate, Madras.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
INCORPORATED APRIL 9, 1905

MEMORANDUM  
OF  
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,  
*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

Station, Madras,  
Dated 3rd April 1905.

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the registration of literary,  
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

## IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

### GENERAL COUNCIL

*Ex-Officio*

*President-Founder* :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

*Vice-President* :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

*Recording-Secretary* :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

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Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massö, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

#### Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khan-dalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY	...
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON	...
„ PYARE LAL	...
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	...

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLcott	
„ W A. ENGLISH	
„ SUBRAMANIAM	
{ „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE	
„ UPENDRANATH BASU	
„ ANNIE BESANT	
„ N. D. KHANALVALA	

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such

members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or whenever the office becomes vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, who have consented to accept nomination for the office, may be sent in to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations. At the expiry of this period the Recording Secretary shall communicate the nominations to the General Secretaries, and to the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section—that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of Annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section—and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. At the expiry of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the votes shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue

till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Exec-

utive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice, and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

*Note.*—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or

of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

#### HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

#### ORGANIZATION

28. Every person, regardless of sex, age, race, creed, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in The Society but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of parent or guardian. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form and signed by the applicant.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the

Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application

for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may, by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from The Theosophical Society.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

### FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0.1.3 per quarter.

42. (a) Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

(b) Every Fellow-at-large is free to commute at any time his Annual dues to Headquarters for a sum of not less than £20 to be paid to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36 (a), or the dissolution or winding up of any National Society, or the withdrawal from The Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge, where it shall have withdrawn from The Theosophical Society under Rule 36 (b), its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to The Society belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest in The Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President, or his nominee on its behalf and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of The Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated prohibits such vesting in The Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which The Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

#### MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his direction.

#### REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

## GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1947

### *Ex-Officio*

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### *General Secretaries*

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	Mr. James S. Perkins	"Olcott," Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England	Mrs. Doris Groves	50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1.
1891	India	Sjt. Rohit Mehta	Theosophical Society, Benares City
1895	Australia	Mr. J. L. Davidge	29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden	Fru Eva Ostelius	Ostermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	Miss Emma Hunt	371 Queen Street, Auckland, C. 1.
1897	Netherlands	Professor J. N. van der Ley	Tolstraat 156, Amsterdam
1899	France	Dr. Paul Thorin	4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy	Dr. Giuseppe Gasco	Casella Postale 83, Savona
1902	Germany	Herr A. von Fielitz-Coniar	(13b) Munchen 19, Nibelungenstrasse 14/III, Oberbayern, Amerikanische Zone
1905	Cuba	Señorita Maria G. Duany	Calle M., No. 159 Reparto Fomento, Santiago de Cuba
1907	Hungary	Selevér Flora úrno	Báró Liphay-utca 9, Budapest II
1907	Finland	Herr Armas Rankka	Vironkatu 7 C, Helsinki
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia	Mr. M. Lzicka	Zastr Elniei 633, Prague VIII
1909	South Africa	Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis	Box 863, Johannesburg
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1910	Switzerland	Frau Fanny Scheffmacher	Multenweg 20, Binningen 6, Basel
1911	Belgium	Mademoiselle Serge Brisy	37 Rue J. B. Meunier, Bruxelles
1912	Netherlands	...	...
1912	Burma	Sri N. A. Naganathan	No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria	Herr F. Schleifer	Bürgergasse 22, 4. Stg. 18, Vienna X
1913	Norway	Herr Ernst Nielsen	Oscars gt 11, I, Oslo
1918	Egypt *	Mr. J. H. Pérez	P. O. Box 769, Cairo
1918	Denmark	Herr J. H. Moller	Strandvejen 130 a, Aarhus
1919	Ireland	Mrs. Alice Law	14 South Frederick St., Dublin
1919	Mexico	Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil	Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada	Lt.-Col. E. L. Thomson, D.S.O.	52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5. Ont.
1920	Argentina	Señor José M. Olivares	Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires
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Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1920	Brazil	... Tenente Armando Sales	Rua Sao Bento 38, 1° andar, Sao Paulo.
1920	Bulgaria	... Monsieur N. Trifonov	Strandja 48, Sofia 3
1921	Iceland	... Herr Gretar Fells	Ingolsstr. 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Dr. Delio Nobre Santos	Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20-cave, Lisbon, Portugal
1922	Wales	... Miss Edith M. Thomas	10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Señor Luis Sarthou	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Señor A. J. Plard	Apartado No. 3, San Juan
1925	Rumania	... Madame E. Vasilescu	Bd. Elisabeta 92 bis. Bucarest I
1925	Yugoslavija	... Gospodin Alojz Piltaver	Mesnička ulica 7/III 1. Zagreb
1926	Ceylon *	... N. K. Choksy, Esq.	Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo
1928	Greece	... Monsieur Kimon Prinaris	3D September Str., No. 56B III floor, Athens
1929	Central America	... Señor José B. Acuña	P. O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica.
1929	Paraguay *	...	...
1929	Peru	... Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza	Apartado No. 2718, Lima
1933	Philippine Islands	Mr. Domingo Argente	89 Havanai, Manila
1937	Colombia	... Señor Ramón Martinez	Apartado No. 539, Bogotá
1947	British E. Africa	Mr. Jayant D. Shah	P. O. Box 34, Dar-es-Salaam

#### *Additional Members*

M.R.RY. DEWAN BAHADUR RAJADHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. K. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, 98 Lloyds Road, Cathedral Post, Madras (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI, Machimiani Road, Karachi (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 177, Foras Road, Near Grant Road Station, Bombay 7 (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Huizen N.H., Holland (for 1945, 1946 and 1947).

MRS. ADELAIDE GARDNER, 50 Gloucester Place, Portman Square, London W. 1 (for 1945, 1946 and 1947).

DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Director, Adyar Library, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. N. SRI RAM, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20, (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. H. S. L. POLAK, 118 Oakwood Court, London, W. 14 (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. VAN DER STOK, Englaan 16, Wageningen, Netherlands (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

\* Reverted to Presidential Agency. Presidential Agents are not members of the General Council.

Address	General Secretary	President to speak	Date to speak
Mr. C. D. Shores	General Secretary	Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	25th December
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	Mr. H. S. L. Polak	25th December
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji	Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	Mr. G. Srinivasa Murti	25th December
Mr. H. K. Mehta	Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar	25th December
		Mr. N. Sri Ram	1st January
		Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	1st January
		Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji	1st January

## MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council, the Theosophical Society, held in the Recording Secretary's Office, Adyar, on Wednesday, 25th

December 1946, at 2 p.m.

## First Session

## PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... President (in the Chair).
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Mrs. Jane Clumeck	... Recording Secretary.
Srimati Rukmini Devi	... President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, Indian Section.
Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar	... Additional Member.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji	... Additional Member.
Mr. H. K. Mehta	... Additional Member.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the two Meetings held in the Recording Secretary's Office, Theosophical Society, Adyar, on 25th December 1945 and on 1st January 1946 respectively, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters, if any, arising out of the Minutes.*—

(a) Proposal for chartering a Belgian Lodge to work and study Masonic rituals—Postponed until the next session.

3. *Election of seven (7) Additional Members to the General Council.*—The undermentioned members nominated by the President, having obtained votes favourable to their election as set forth below, were declared duly elected as Additional members of the General Council for a period of three years (1947, 1948 and 1949) :

Mr. N. Sri Ram (India)	(38)
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti (India)	(38)
Mr. H. S. L. Polak (England)	(38)
Prof. J. E. van der Stok (Holland)	(38)
Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar (India)	(38)
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla (India)	(38)
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji (India)	(38)

4. *Revision of Rule 14 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—The General Council decided that Rule 14 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society should be revised to read as follows:

"The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary, shall be ex-officio members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation."

5. *Consideration of the administrative status of the Adyar Library.*—The General Council decided that no change is necessary in the administrative status of the Adyar Library.

6. *The re-instatement of five members of the Italian Section.*—The proposal to reinstate having received the necessary votes, the General Council decided that the five members of the Italian Section should be reinstated.

7. *Award of the Subba Row Medal for 1946.*—As proposed by the President, the General Council decided to award the Subba Rao Medal for 1946 to Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti for his great services to the Adyar Library.

8. *Consideration of continuing the pension of the niece of H.P.B.*—The General Council decided to continue the pension to the niece of the H.P.B. for 1947 amounting to £60.

#### 9. *Treasurer's Report.*—

The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September 1946, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report appended thereto and recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption, were given consideration and approved.

10. *Budget for 1946-1947.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1947, passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting held on 29th November 1946, were adopted as detailed hereunder.

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## THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1946-47

EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actuals	Budget	INCOME	Budget	Actuals	Budget	
	for 1945-'46	for 1945-'46	for 1946-'47		for 1945-'46	for 1945-'46	for 1946-'47	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Last year's deficit brought forward	...	...	18,764	Rent Income	25,000	40,431	28,000	
Establishment	12,000	15,966	16,500	Conservancy	850	894	900	
Repairs and Renewals	10,000	32,820	17,000	Fees and Dues	15,000	12,819	15,000	
Garden Expenses	16,330	30,938	20,000	Garden Income	12,200	20,700	16,700	
Lighting and Water	2,000	2,974	2,500	Interest (Gross)	25,000	28,425	29,000	
Miscellaneous	5,000	3,594	3,500	Administration Charges	7,130	7,130	7,130	
Watch and Ward	5,000	7,071	7,000	Donations		35,763		
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	2,500	3,694	2,500	<b>Special Departments:</b>				
Printing and Stationery	3,000	2,487	2,400	Vasanta Press	46,000	60,749	50,000	
Publications to General Secretaries	1,000	41	800	Engineering Department	41,100	97,780	60,700	
Sanitation Expenses	2,300	2,306	2,500	Laundry	8,000	9,630	7,000	
Taxes Account	500	5,738	11,000	Deficit to be made good by Donations.	17,550	18,764	58,534	
Pensions	500	61	100					
Interest on Funds and Accounts	17,000	14,799	14,000					
Donations to various Funds and Accounts		9,425						
Forest Guard	400	360						
Convention Account		7,531	3,500					
Press Department	1,000	347						
<b>Contributions :</b>								
Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000					
President's Travelling Fund	6,600	3,300	13,000					
Dispensary	2,500	3,658	3,600					
Museum and Archives	100	172	150					
Welfare Grants	1,000	1,000						
Depreciation :	9,000	8,094	8,000					
Bhajanasala (net deficit)		981	650					
Leadbeater Chambers (net deficit)		2,569	2,800					
<b>Special Departments :</b>								
Vasanta Press	46,000	60,749	50,000					
Engineering Department	41,100	97,780	60,700					
Laundry	8,000	9,630	7,000					
	1,97,830	3,33,085	2,72,964					
	1,97,830	3,33,085	2,72,964					

(Sd.) PANDA BAIJNATH,  
Hony. Treasurer.

The Budget of the Theosophical Society was signed by Mr. Panda Baijnath, though Mr. C. D. Shores is recorded as being present at the meeting of the General Council held on 25th December 1946 as Hony. Treasurer.

The accounts were prepared by Mr. Panda Baijnath as Hony. Treasurer and were passed by the Executive Committee on the 29th November, 1946, although presented officially by Mr. Shores who had been appointed to the office of Treasurer on 18th December 1946 and had taken over charge from Mr. Panda Baijnath.

Recording Secretary.

11. *Appointment of Auditor for 1947.*—It was resolved that Mr. V. Soundararajan, B.A., G.D.A., R.A., Registered Accountant, be reappointed Auditor for the year 1947 on a remuneration increased to Rs. 700 per annum, but otherwise on the same terms and conditions as in previous years.

## MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council, the Theosophical Society, held in

the Recording Secretary's Office, Adyar, on

Tuesday, 31st December 1946 at 10 a.m.

## Second Session

## PRESENT:

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... President (in the Chair).
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Mrs. Jane Clumeck	... Recording Secretary.
Srimati Rukmini Devi	... President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.
Mr. H. K. Mehta	... Additional Member.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, Indian Section.

Matters on the Agenda incomPLETED at the First Session were dealt with as follows:—

12. *Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1947.*—The following were appointed.

President	Ex-Officio
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
Recording Secretary	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	
Mr. N. Sri Ram	
Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram	
Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar	
Srimati Rukmini Devi	

13. *Other Business.*—

(a) *Request from Mr. Marcel Lemesre, Belgium, to form a special closed Lodge for Masonic studies.* This matter was discussed at length, the main points raised being as follows: It is not possible under the Constitution to bar a Lodge from having a ceremonial form but it certainly cannot have a Masonic ceremonial. It can meet and discuss Masonic matters but no Masonic rituals can be authorized, as it is not a function of the Society to organize or

authorize ceremonies. The President cannot lay down any rule about what members are to do about their studies but the members themselves can meet and decide how they wish to work. Also the General Secretary of any Section has only such rights in matters of this nature as are given to him by its rules or are endorsed by the Section Convention. The liberty of members must be safeguarded. Masonry is as separate as is the Celebration of Mass by Christians. But these members perform their ceremonies in their individual capacities. There is no Lodge anywhere organized with the object of performing any rituals or ceremony, as the work of a Lodge is to disseminate Theosophical ideas. Mass cannot be celebrated by a Lodge as a part of its Lodge work. Similarly Masonry cannot be adopted by a Lodge as a condition for membership as would be the case if this request were granted. Also if the Lodge discusses real Masonic matters, such study, under Masonic obligations, would have to be confined to members who are Freemasons. If there are members of the Lodge who desire to become Masons they should join Masonic Lodges or form a Lodge under proper Masonic authority, but keep the Masonic work independent of and entirely separate from the Society.

*Conclusion.* The advice of the General Council is against associating a Theosophical Lodge wholly or in part with Sectarianism in any form, but if the Lodge members give permission the General Council cannot prevent it.

*Resolved* that a memorandum to this effect be circulated to all members of the Council.

(b) *Rule 10.*—The President was authorized to send out all data with regard to the proposed change of Rule 10 to members of the General Council for their consideration, but not for voting, as the amended Rule 10 can only be formulated after the consultations. The main points raised were: 1. Whether a General Secretary could personally nominate or as the representative of his Section. 2. Whether an election should be held if but one name was placed in nomination.

(c) *Rule 28.*—The Council was asked to decide the age limit for admission to the Society. It was considered that to obviate legal difficulties, since membership with payment of dues is a contract and a parent might have a cause for legal action against the Society for inducing a minor to undertake such a contract, the minimum age of admission should be the age of majority in the respective countries, with the exception that children not below the age of 10 years completed can be admitted to membership but only with the written consent of parent or guardian. Recommended that the rule be amended accordingly.

(d) *Faithful Service Fund.*—Consideration was postponed until 1947, the matter to be investigated fully in the meantime and a memorandum on the questions raised to be circulated to all members of the Council.

(e) *Resolution* by the former Treasurer, Mr. Panda Baijnath, that in view of the strained financial position of the Society, the Society's contribution of £2,000/- to the Rehabilitation Fund be returned back to the Theosophical Society (Headquarters Reserve Fund). It was resolved that this matter be postponed and enquiry made as to the commitments of the European Federation.

(f) *Deficits.*—The question was raised as to how these were to be met and after discussion it was decided that the matter be left in abeyance pending the arrival of the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook.

(g) *Rule 33, and Rule 36-B.* Mr. Sidney Cook pointed out that the rules were not clear regarding the position if 7 members of a Lodge wish to carry on when it has been decided by two thirds of the members that the Lodge shall be dissolved. It was recommended that the Constitution be amended in order to avoid any complications arising in this connection.

(h) *Vice-President.* Mr. Sidney Cook was elected Vice-President of the Society by majority of 29 votes.

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## SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL DETAILS, 1946

Some details are still incomplete  
owing to war conditions. The following  
is based on information received up  
to September 30th 1946.

National Sections ... 44

Presidential Agencies. 3 (Egypt,  
Ceylon,  
Paraguay.)

Non Sectionalized

groups ... 2 (British  
East Africa,  
East Asia.)

Lodges ... 1215

Membership

1945 ... 29,327 (estimated)

1946 ... 31,236

Section	Lodges	Membership
United States	... 129	3,846
England	... 113	3,694
India	... 401	6,962
Australia	... 16	1,018
Sweden	... 18	379 (1945)
New Zealand	... 15	913
Netherlands	... 33	1,600 (1945)
France	... 34	1,580
Italy	... 32	635
Germany	... 7	153
Cuba	... 28	449
Hungary	... 9	172
Finland	... 24	580
Russia	... 7	103 (1939)
Czechoslovakia	... 7	567
South Africa	... 21	402
Scotland	... 16	302

Section	Lodges	Membership
Belgium	... 11	307
Netherlands Indies	27	1,056 (1941)
Burma	... 4	57
Austria	... 11	236
Norway	... 7	105
Egypt	... 1	20 (1942)
Denmark	... 12	300 (1945)
Ireland	... 8	115
Mexico	... 19	356
Canada	... 14	376
Argentina	... 54	923
Chile	... 6	149
Brazil	... 15	817
Bulgaria	... 4	105 (1939)
Iceland	... 5	184 (1945)
Spain	...	
Portugal	... 8	173 (1945)
Wales	... 11	182
Poland	...	197 (1939)
Uruguay	... 5	63 (1945)
Puerto Rico	... 7	77
Rumania	...	190 (1939)
Yugoslavija	... 13	284
Ceylon	... 1	30
Greece	... 8	254
Central America	... 15	163
Paraguay	... 1	8 (1940)
Peru	... 8	342
Philippine Islands	...	189 (1940)
Colombia	... 14	189
Canadian Federation.	7	173
British East Africa...	7	157
Malaya	... 2	79
Fellows-at-large	...	25
Total	1215	31,236

